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## PEACE PROSPECTS IN CHINA

### Denies Signing Of Armistice

Rhodes, February 21.  
United Nations officials today denied that Egypt and Israel had signed an armistice agreement.  
At the same time, it was officially announced that the Transjordanian delegation was to arrive here aboard a United Nations plane on Thursday for negotiations with Israel starting Friday.  
Word of the delegation's arrival plans was sent to the acting Palestine mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, by the United Nations representative in Amman.—United Press.

### Help For British Shipping

London, February 20.  
The annual report of the Chamber of Shipping for 1948-49, published today, says that Marshall aid cargoes have made a considerable contribution to the maintenance of full employment for British and other shipping.

Unless the present high cost of shipbuilding is substantially reduced, the report says, it is not at all likely that owners will feel able to place orders except for ships of a special type for special trades.

The report says that the present small production of tramp steamers is disturbing. "Not only are vessels from two to three times as costly to build as in the years immediately preceding the war but take at least twice as long in construction," the Chamber of Shipping says.

The Chamber of Shipping welcomes the progressive removal of shipping controls and calls for a complete relaxation at the earliest opportunity of the existing rigidity of chartering controls and a restoration of the normal chartering practices of an entirely free market.

The report gave the total tonnage on the British register at the end of 1948 as 17,500,000 tons, about the same as a year earlier and about 250,000 tons less than the 1939 commercially-owned tonnage.—Reuters.

## Mao May Meet Dr. Shao On General Issues Of Peace

### LI'S POSITION STRONGER

Nanking, February 22.

The Communist leader, Mr. Mao Tse-tung, is reported to have agreed to meet the Government peace delegate, Dr. Shao Li-tse, for talks which may bring peace to China by spring, according to reliable reports from Peiping today.

These reports were obtained from sources in contact with Peiping which said Dr. Shao and one other member of the Shanghai peace delegation, Dr. W. W. Yen, would fly today to the Communist headquarters at Shihchihchuang to confer with Mr. Mao.

The reports said the peace envoys will be accompanied by three top Communist leaders from Peiping. These will include General Yeh Chien-ying, Communist Mayor of Peiping, and two of his aides, Tung Ti-wu and General Lin Piao.

Mr. Mao Tse-tung, according to the reports, telegraphed his approval for the meeting after the Shanghai peace delegation had spent two weeks preparing the ground in Peiping.

Although Dr. Shao is one of the peace delegates named by the Nationalist Government to negotiate with the Chinese Communists he is not in Peiping in that capacity. When he left for Peiping some time ago, Dr. Shao announced he was accompanying the Shanghai peace delegation in his capacity as a private citizen to replace one of the two other members declared inadmissible by the Communists.

### To Advance View

There was no doubt, however, that he would use any opportunity in his meeting with Mr. Mao to advance the Government view of acceptable peace proposals.

The Shanghai peace mission was entrusted by three Communist leaders at dinner in Peiping at which Dr. Shao intimated he believed peace for China was possible.

In response to General Yeh's statement that the Communist centre for peace was sincere, he said: "The seeds of peace cannot be destroyed even by wildfire opposition because they grow again when the spring winds come." Dr. Shao's

### Leaves Canton

Mr. Tung Pi-wu, who is to accompany the delegation, is a member of the Communist Central Committee and was Deputy Chinese Communist negotiator at the time of General George C. Marshall's mediation efforts.

General Lin Piao is Communist Commander-in-Chief in North China.

Acting President Li Tsung-jen, meanwhile, left Canton for Kweilin today with his political position immeasurably strengthened at the expense of his opponents.

Participants who attended the talks agreed to discuss and confer with Li to agree that his adroit handling of the situation brought admiration and support from all sides, including many who heretofore had been hostile.

It is understood the Premier, Mr. Sun Fo, and the Deputy Premier, Mr. Wu Tse-shen, will leave for Nanking on Thursday, to salvage whatever they can from Acting President Li's devastating attack. Informants here said whether they remain in the Government or quit is no longer important, although it would give the Government the appearance of solidarity in the forthcoming peace talks.

Conferees who talked with the Acting President said he did not order nor did he plead; but laid his cards on the table frankly and let the facts speak for themselves. Never in any public state did he fail to reaffirm his belief that peace is possible, and he continually pointed out that reforms in the present Government must be instituted immediately.

### Strong Support

These statements gave him strong popular and Governmental support, and helped to scatter the opposition forces, for the present at least.

At first the Acting President encountered heavy going, but his stubbornness and intention of remaining in Canton until the issue was settled one way or the other finally caused his opponents to weaken, these sources said.

The final decision whether the Premier resigns is left to rest with the Legislative Yuan when the impending session convenes in Nanking this week.

### The Weather

At 0600 GMT (8 pm HKST) pressure is highest to the N. of Korea where a ridge extends SW to Central China. A trough of low pressure extends from Indo-China along the S. China coast to a shallow depression over the Eastern Sea, thence SW and NE to a depression to the E. of Kamohaka. Pressure gradient to the China Sea is slight.

Today's Forecast: Moderate E to SE winds, cloudy to patchy occasional drizzle overnight.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 74.8 deg. F. Minimum 62.5 deg. F. Sunshine 4.0 hours.

Bar. at m.s.l. 1013.7 1009.4 m.h. Bar. at sea 1013.7 1009.4 m.h. Humidity 66 61 %

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### Advantageous

General Chang said that current events had been advantageous to achieving peace in China.

Most sources agreed that Li's most effective weapon was his ability to win away Dr. Sun's military supporters, namely Generals Ho Ying-chin and Li Han-hun.

Reuters reports that Chinese peace hopes got another fillip today when the inner Cabinet Minister, General Chang Chih-chung, said he would not now press for the acceptance of his twice tendered resignation from the Nationalist Government peace delegation.

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### MR. W. J. KEATES

The condition of Mr. W. J. Keates, Editor-in-Chief of the "China Mail" and "Sunday Herald," was early this morning reported as unchanged.



An unofficial Chinese peace delegation from Canton arrived in Hong Kong yesterday to convey Dr. Sun Fo's views to the Chinese Communist Party. The delegates are left to right, Messrs. Cheng Yu-ung, Wu Chih-shang, and Professor Wu Yu-hao.—"China Mail" Photo.

## Peace Leaders Arrive In Attempt To Contact Communists

Three Chinese leaders, Messrs. Wu Yu-hao, Cheng Yu-ung and Wu Chih-shang, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by air from Canton on a self-imposed mission—to contact Chinese Communist Party representatives in the Colony.

The unofficial peace delegation, which claimed the blessing of General Li Tsung-jen, Vice-President of China, and Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Executive Yuan, has limited its stay here to 72 hours.

The three members will return to Canton if they fail to find Chinese Communist Party liaison officers here to receive and forward Dr. Sun Fo's peace views to Mr. Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Communist Party.

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## U.S. Govt To Ask Congress For Big Military Aid Bill

Washington, February 22.

The Administration has tentatively decided to ask Congress for a U.S.\$1,200,000,000 to U.S.\$2,000,000,000 blank cheque to cover military aid including armaments to free nations all over the world—possibly including Korea and China.

Plans for a single package military aid bill to go to Congress as "trailer" to the proposed North Atlantic Security Pact are being completed by a special inter-government committee headed by the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Ernest A. Gross.

President Truman is expected to ask for about U.S.\$1,000,000,000 in military help for Atlantic Pact nations and another U.S.\$200,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000 for Greece, Turkey, Korea, Latin America and possibly China.

There is strong sentiment in administration circles to ask Congress to give the President power to decide how many are to get military aid according to the world situation as summed up by United States strategists. This would permit the Government to expend new military aid to China if it decided the situation there warranted such action.

According to present thinking in some official circles the Government, to speed military support, would draw on present arms supplies from the army, navy and air force. These are still some surplus arms left from World War II so material would have to come largely from current stocks that could be spared by the military departments.

Thus, most of the initial cash outlay would be the cost of packaging and shipping the arms. It would take longer, according to some officials, to get shipments of new arms moving overseas.

Not Broken Down  
Administration officials emphasized that at present no figures have been broken down to amounts for each country. This is in line with the blank cheque theory of keeping the programme flexible. However, it is fairly certain Congress will be asked for close to U.S.\$1,000,000,000 for the Atlantic Pact countries specifically.

Officials said the question of military aid for Greece, Turkey, Korea and Latin America is less definite. Overall estimates of the added total for military aid to the rest of the world outside the Atlantic Pact nations runs to between U.S.\$200,000,000 to U.S.\$1,000,000,000.

The administration hopes to have the Atlantic Pact ready for submission to Congress by late March or early April now that congressional difficulties appear to have been ironed out. Officials believe the arms bill will come up almost immediately afterwards. They speak of the two measures as similar to a "truck and trailer."—United Press.

Mr. William Thorpe, the American delegate, said: "It would be a relatively small decline in employment or even a stable decline in a few prices as an indication that the United States economy is going into a depression."

Mr. Thorpe added that is an encouraging sign that inflationary pressures in the United States are abating. Evidence of a more balanced economic situation, in addition to the American surplus of exports over imports which at \$1,300 million in 1947, had fallen to \$850 million.

"This is clear evidence of the progress towards a world economic recovery, but it does not mean that the extraordinary steps in the form of financial assistance, taken by the United States Government, can be quickly reduced," he added.

Professor Carl Invergen, of Denmark, said the argument that a depression in the United States might restore international economic equilibrium was a one-sided contention.

A falling off in demand in the United States would cause a reduction of imports which will in return lower the dollar earnings of other countries, and thereby worsen their dollar shortage.

Denmark's representative said his country was particularly interested in the efforts to revive trade between Eastern and Western Europe and was also greatly interested in the future of German economy.

Denmark suggested that the United States should, in the event of a depression, give even larger foreign aid grants to maintain its own economic welfare.—Reuters and United Press.

## Chinese To Mark "Hoi Foo" Today

The Goddess of Mercy (Kwun Yam) will throw open the vaults of her Treasury Department today and the event, known in Chinese as "Hoi Foo" will be marked by large scale religious ceremonies in temples dedicated to the Goddess.

All Chinese of the Buddhist faith who are anxious to enjoy a greater share of wealth and prosperity during the year will therefore make it a point to visit a Goddess of Mercy Temple and worship before the image of Kwun Yam.

This event marks the first important Chinese festival of the New Year and is always celebrated on the 28th day of the First Moon.

Those whose prayers to the Goddess last year have been answered will show their gratitude today by attending a temple with roast pigs, cooked chickens, fruit, cakes and other customary offerings.

### Most Loved Goddess

Whilst other Chinese gods are more or less feared, the Goddess of Mercy is the most loved goddess in China. In addition to being the symbol of all that is good and pure, she is also regarded as the perfect model of Chinese beauty.

According to the story which has been handed down through the centuries, Kwun Yam was the daughter of a King. Court life held no attraction for her, as it was her ambition to cure humanity of its ills and infirmities.

Kwun Yam is said to have expressed a wish to enter a nunnery, but her father, who was most anxious that she marry, not only refused her permission to enter a nunnery, but expelled her from the palace.

### All Menial Tasks

To this end, the Mother Superior of the nunnery assigned Kwun Yam to work in the kitchen and generally to do all menial tasks. The gods are said to have taken compassion on Kwun Yam and to have assisted her in her work.

In spite of all that she suffered, Kwun Yam did not bear any ill-feeling or resentment against her father for what he had done. On the other hand, when he became afflicted with a terrible skin disease which gradually ate away his body, Kwun Yam is said to have given parts of the flesh from her own body to cure him.

In appreciation of this noble and unselfish act, Kwun Yam was canonised and given the title of the Afflicted and Saviour of the Afflicted (Tai Chi Tai Bi Kwun—Sai Yam Fo Sat). Her throne is said to be the Lotus Flower, and this is one of the reasons why the Chinese words "Lin Fa" usually appear before her name.

## Discord Noted On Compensation

London, February 21.

The Big Four Deputy Foreign Ministers, trying to draft an Austrian independence treaty, again disagreed today on compensation for foreign property seized after the German Anschluss in 1938.

An American source called the disagreement a comparatively minor one. The Deputies are now discussing technical phases of the proposed pact. A preliminary review of East-West treaty differences before hearing Yugoslav territorial and reparations claims on Thursday.

Only after hearing the Yugoslav Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Alois Bebler, will it be determined whether a three-year deadline over treaty terms can be broken, an American source said.

Britain, France and the United States—all opposed to ceding any Austrian territory or reparations to Yugoslavia—agreed to hear Mr. Bebler in the hope that the Yugoslav Minister will modify his country's claims.

A Slice  
The Yugoslav claim for a slice of German-occupied Southern Austria and \$100 million have been backed by the Soviet Union.

## Dairy Farm's Pokfulam Strike Threat

Workers at the Dairy Farm Company's Pokfulam farm are threatening to strike unless the company meets four demands.

The dispute resulted from the conviction at the Central Magistrate's court recently of three workers. The workers maintain that all the trouble started because of the attitude of one of the foremen against whom they have, however, offered no evidence.

The four demands are (1) dismissal of the foreman concerned; (2) the Dairy Farm Company to provide a surety for the release of the convicted workers; (3) reinstatement of one dismissed worker; and (4) future dismissals to be made by the company's head office not by the Pokfulam management.

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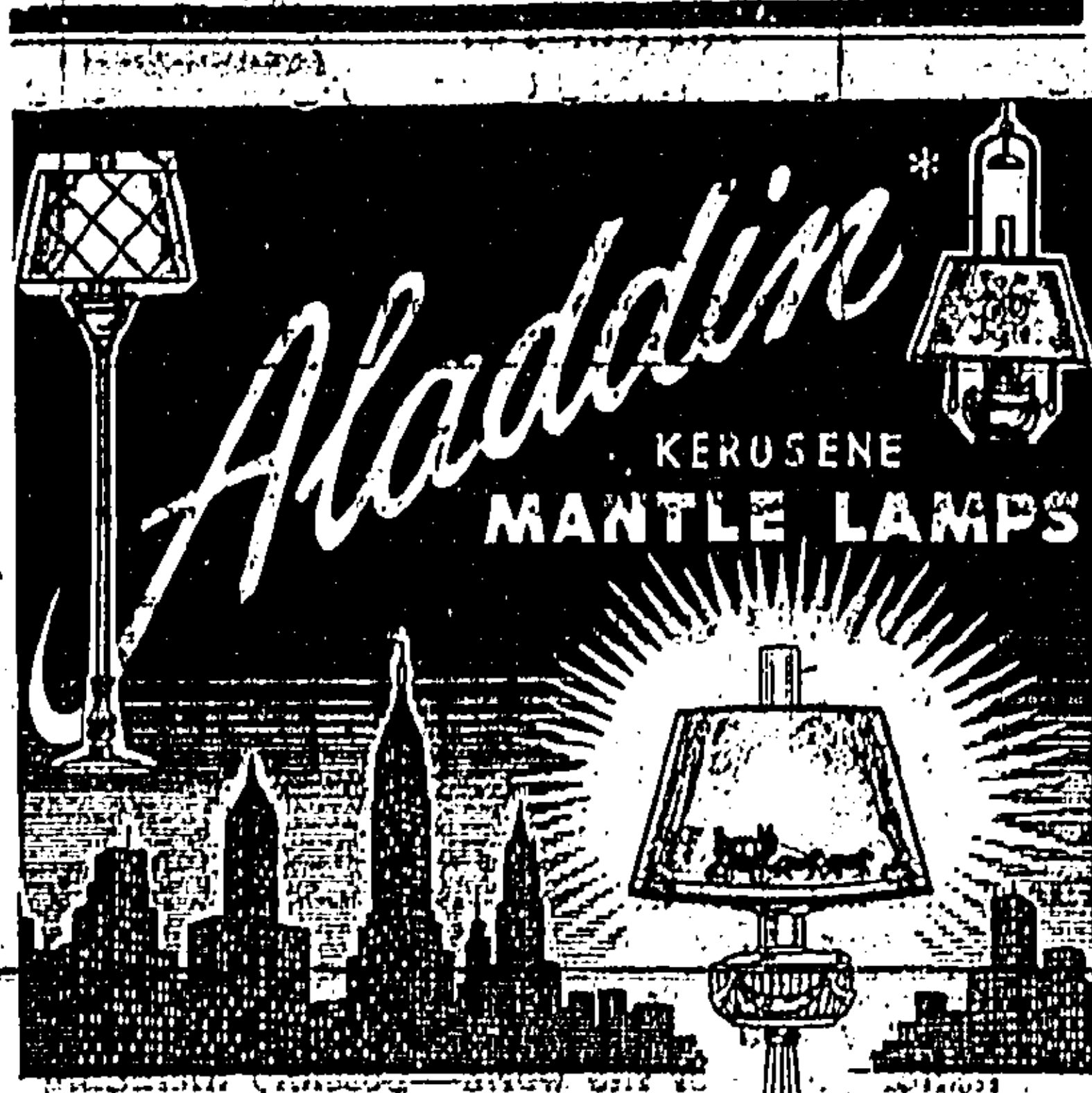
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## Challenges Court's Right To Send Him To Mental Home

### Seven-Year Sentence For Robber

Sentence of seven years' hard labour and 10 strokes of the cane, was meted out to Li Fat by Mr. Justice Williams (Puisne Judge) at the Criminal Sessions yesterday. He had pleaded guilty to robbery by two or more.

The first of four men and three women found guilty of the same crime, was Li Fat, who was subsequently discharged.

Crown Counsel Mr. A. Hooton, conducted the prosecution, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector Leslie.

Mr. Hooton stated that the case was very simple. On July 10, 1938, he said, there was a robbery at the Shing Lee Oil Drums Shop at 10 Bedford Road about 9 p.m. The occupants of the house, were made to go into the kitchen while the robbers took away among other things a cotton quilt cover, a rattan basket, and a pair of trousers belonging to the lady of the house.

Crown Counsel went on to say that on November 4, the police visited the accused at Shamshuipo, after which he took them along to a hut at Shek Kip Mei Village, where he pointed out a cubicle to the police. Inside the cubicle was found a rattan basket, a pair of trousers and a pawn ticket.

The pawn ticket, Mr. Hooton continued, was then taken to a pawn shop and it was found to be related to a certain cotton quilt cover which had been pawned on July 17, about five weeks after the robbery.

The case, for the prosecution, said Mr. Hooton, was that there was a robbery, after which certain proceeds of it were found in the possession of the accused Lau Fong. Lau, he submitted, must have known these proceeds were stolen property, remembering in particular there was a pawn shop ticket for one of these items in his possession.

Corroborative evidence was then given by witnesses for the prosecution.

A challenge of the court's right to send him to the Mental Home for observation without his being examined by two doctors of his own choice, and without the prior consent of his father, was made by Peter Mather Braund, aged 25, at Kowloon yesterday.

Braund, who was charged with failing to pay his taxi fare and with obstructing the police in the execution of their duty in the early hours of yesterday morning, was remanded for seven days for medical observation, when the case resumed in the afternoon.

Before remanding Braund, Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr said, "I do feel you are unwell, and an application has been made to me by the police for you to be medically examined. I am not going on with the case but will adjourn it for seven days."

In reply to defendant, witness said that what accused said was, "I spent the evening in company with your boss." Later, defendant mentioned the fact that he was living in the same building as a certain police officer.

#### Witness' Denial

Replying to further questions witness denied having used abusive language to Braund in the charge room, or being annoyed with him when he said that the police were carrying out their duties in an officious and overbearing manner.

Witness said that defendant was definitely not drunk and did not even smell of alcohol. He agreed with accused that an offer was made by defendant to undergo any medical test for drunkenness that the police might require.

Taking the witness stand, defendant offered himself for cross-examination without giving any evidence in chief.

In reply to St Evans, accused said that he sat in the taxi for an hour and a half in order to get the full value for the \$10 which he paid to a "boy" in the eating house. He intended this money to be for the hire of the taxi but, he admitted, he could not say whether the "boy" paid it to the driver.

He further admitted that when he stopped the taxi at Diamond Hill he did not ask the driver for the change from the \$10. Neither did he ask for any change when he alighted at Kai Tak, although on both occasions he lifted the meter flag to indicate that he did not want the taxi any longer.

Defendant agreed with St Wells' evidence that when searched at the police station, he did not have any money on him. He, however, claimed that he had \$10.10 on him just before he went to the station and that he saw this amount in another prisoner's property parcel down in the cells of the magistracy. He could not explain how the money got into that parcel.

When defendant stated that he would like to call two employees of the Kowloon Taxicab Co. as his witnesses, the court adjourned.

#### Finds No Money

Arriving back at the garage, witness asked defendant for the fare of \$8.00. Braund searched his pockets but found no money. Some one in the garage reported to the Mong Kok Police Station and came back shortly afterwards with Sub-Inspector E. H. Wells.

St Wells, testifying said that when he arrived at the garage he asked defendant to go with him to the police station as he (witness) could not speak Punli and so could not settle matters there.

Defendant refused and said he realised that witness would be in an awkward position if he had to arrest a member of the R.A.F. Reserve. Braund, also, mentioned in passing, that he had spent the evening with a senior police officer.

As defendant was about to leave the garage he asked witness to explain to the drivers that he was not being arrested but was going to the police station on his own. Witness was unable to do this as he could not speak Punli.

Defendant then walked to the door of the garage but instead of leaving, as witness thought he was going to, he threw several packets of cigarettes on the ground. Witness then asked defendant if he was going to the police station, and Braund replied that he was going in his own time.

Witness thereupon arrested defendant for obstructing a police officer in the execution of his duty. Braund added witness when asked whether he was going to pay the taxi fare or not made two replies, one that he had paid \$10 in advance, and two, that he would not pay.

### Appointments, Transfers

Mr. A. R. S. Major, ASP, who has been on Home leave has returned and is appointed. Staff Officer 1, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

Sub-Inspector W. P. Apps, the popular conductor of the Hong Kong Light Orchestra, who has been Officer-in-Charge of Stanley Police Station for the past few months, has been transferred to the Central C.D. His place at Stanley has been taken by St J. Hollinshead from Central.

Detective Sub-Inspector C. Pope of the Yau-mat C.D. is now at the Special Branch. Hong Kong Headquarters, and Detective Sub-Inspector W. G. Morrison of the same station has been transferred to Shuang Shui.

Sub-Inspector T. Kavanagh has been transferred from Central to Yau-mat C.D.

Detective - Inspector D. L. Davies has been transferred from Kowloon City C.D. to Yau-mat, and his place at Kowloon City has been taken by Detective Sub-Inspector D. H. Tyler.

Officer-in-Charge of Shamshuipo Police Station, Sub-Inspector F. Woodhead, from Sheung Shui succeeded St Tyler at Shamshuipo.



Forced to move from Wanchai roof-tops, squatter colonies have been migrating to open spaces in other residential areas. A big encampment is now being developed near the junction of Bluepool Road and Sina Wo Road, and on the nearby hillsides. During the past few days, new wooden shacks have been erected off Bluepool Road. More than 10 have been completed. A hut 24 feet long and 13 feet wide, containing three bedrooms, one kitchen and a sitting room, and housing three families has been built for HK\$1,000. Bigger shacks cost about HK\$1,000. ("China Mail" Photo.)

### Personalia

Sir Leslie Gibson's talk to the Hong Kong Council of Women tomorrow afternoon has been postponed. The Chief Justice will address the Council on March 3 instead.

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Mr. Roy Scott Anderson, merchant, of 18 Stanley Road, and Miss Anne Culbertson, of Repulse Bay Hotel, Hong Kong.

Mr. A. L. Potter will address the T. H. Club at 8.30 p.m. today. His subject will be "The Pith Lake". The H. meets on Wednesday, Rabot House, No. 50, Macdonnell Road.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Crofton will leave tomorrow for Australia by the ss. Changha. Mr. Crofton first arrived in Hong Kong in 1928. He is retiring from his position as Superintendent Engineer in the China Light and Power Company, Limited. After a short stay in Australia, Mr. Crofton will go to England to visit relatives. He will return to Australia where he plans to make his home.

Dr. F. L. Tseung, will address the Debating and Discussion Group of the European YMCA today at 8.45 p.m. His subject will be "Chinese Medicine". Mrs. A. D. Brasier-Creagh will be in the chair.

The Right Reverend Bishop N. V. Halward, Miss E. D. E. Silva, Miss Ames C. Blirrel, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pryce, Mrs. G. P. Menefee, Mr. and Mrs. F. Goodspeed, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Truax, Mr. and Mrs. S. Nelson, Messrs. P. F. Le Fevre, J. K. Cochran, and J. B. McCleary, arrived in the Colony yesterday by the ss. Eastman.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Monday included Mr. and Mrs. L. Braithwaite, Mrs. V. A. Stephan, Mr. and Mrs. Y. A. Oldham, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Schultz, Mrs. Popu, Messrs. R. J. Willis, M. B. Carter, Y. Loehen, F. S. Beech, R. Aime, Fred Schmidt, C. H. Arnold, Y. H. Kwong, C. S. Grant, C. Holtfeldt, F. K. Peterson, G. R. Hodson, and W. Gibson.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Monday were Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Heffli, Mr. W. G. Barrington, Messrs. D. S. Deng and G. Miller.

Messrs. J. S. Phelan, Lim Loo, Thomas Cui, Jaga Onz, Juan Lin-chip, Vincente, Tan, and Yang Wei-khong left for Manila yesterday by C.R.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Berg, left for Sydney by C.R.A. yesterday.

The Directors of Hong Kong Tramways, Limited, announced yesterday that at the forthcoming meeting of shareholders on March 22, a final dividend will be recommended of 3s. a share, less tax, for the year ended December 31, 1938.

## European Fined For Dangerous Driving

"A driver is not entitled to proceed at all unless he can see where he is going. This is the clearest case of dangerous driving we have had for a long time," said Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Before the court was Richard Alan Peter Foxley, second officer of the ss. Eastern Trader, who, on the summons of dangerous driving being proved against him, was fined \$75.

Before imposing the penalty, the court told defendant that the usual fine was \$350 but that, in view of the fact that he had to pay \$400 towards the cost of repairs to Dr. Onward Szeto's car, the pecuniary penalty in his case would be reduced.

The summons arose out of an accident involving the motor cycle driven by defendant, a car driven by Dr. Szeto and another car driven by Mr. F. Britto, and took place at Nathan Road, near Kimberley Road, on February 6.

Still in Hospital. As the result of the accident, defendant was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from abrasions and injuries to the hips. He was still an inmate of the hospital when he went before the court yesterday.

It was at his own suggestion that the summer was heard yesterday, said Traffic Sub-Inspector Richard Brown. Joseph do Coudo, Maresal, a passenger in car 2636, driven by Mr. Britto, said that his car was going from Tsimshatsui to Yau-mat and intended to turn into Kimberley Road. The driver stopped the vehicle in the middle of Nathan Road as there were cars approaching from the opposite direction.

Witness said that while the car was stationary, a period of three or four minutes, two or three cars overtook it on the left. Coming in their direction were another two or three cars, with No. 884, driven by Dr. Szeto, in the rear.

A motor cycle, No. 440, suddenly came up from their rear and passed on the outside of their car. Before witness could realise what had actually happened, the motor cycle, hit the last of the approaching cars on the roadside, with such force that it bounced back six or seven yards.

Dr. Onward Szeto said that he was driving his car in the direction of Tsimshatsui at about 20 miles an hour when, about 20 yards from Kimberley Road, he saw car 2636 edging to the centre of the road. As that car was going very slowly, he took it as an indication of the driver's intention to turn into Kimberley Road, after witness's car had passed.

About To Pass. Just as he was about to pass the other car, a motor cycle came out from behind that car, passed it, hit his own car, and collided with his own car, said witness, at a speed which he (witness) estimated at between 25 and 30 miles an hour.

Foxley, in evidence, stated that he did not think the car ahead of him was about to make a turn into Kimberley Road, and as it was going very slowly, he decided to overtake. His view was obstructed by the car as it was travelling in the middle of the road, he said.

### Dairy Farm Case Hearing

The "Dairy Farm Case" in which two cow boys, Yiu Sung, aged 22, and Yiu Ping, aged 31, are charged with larceny by servant was continued at Central yesterday before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida.

It was alleged that on December 14, defendants stole 10 catties of cattle food from the Dairy Farm Company at Pokfulam. Second defendant was additionally charged with unlawful possession of 70 catties of cattle food at No. 10 Coole Quarters in Pokfulam. This charge will be tried separately.

Mr. F. A. L. Vine appeared for the prosecution and Mr. M. A. da Silva for the second defendant. The first defendant has already pleaded guilty.

The case was adjourned to Friday, March 10 at 3.15 p.m.

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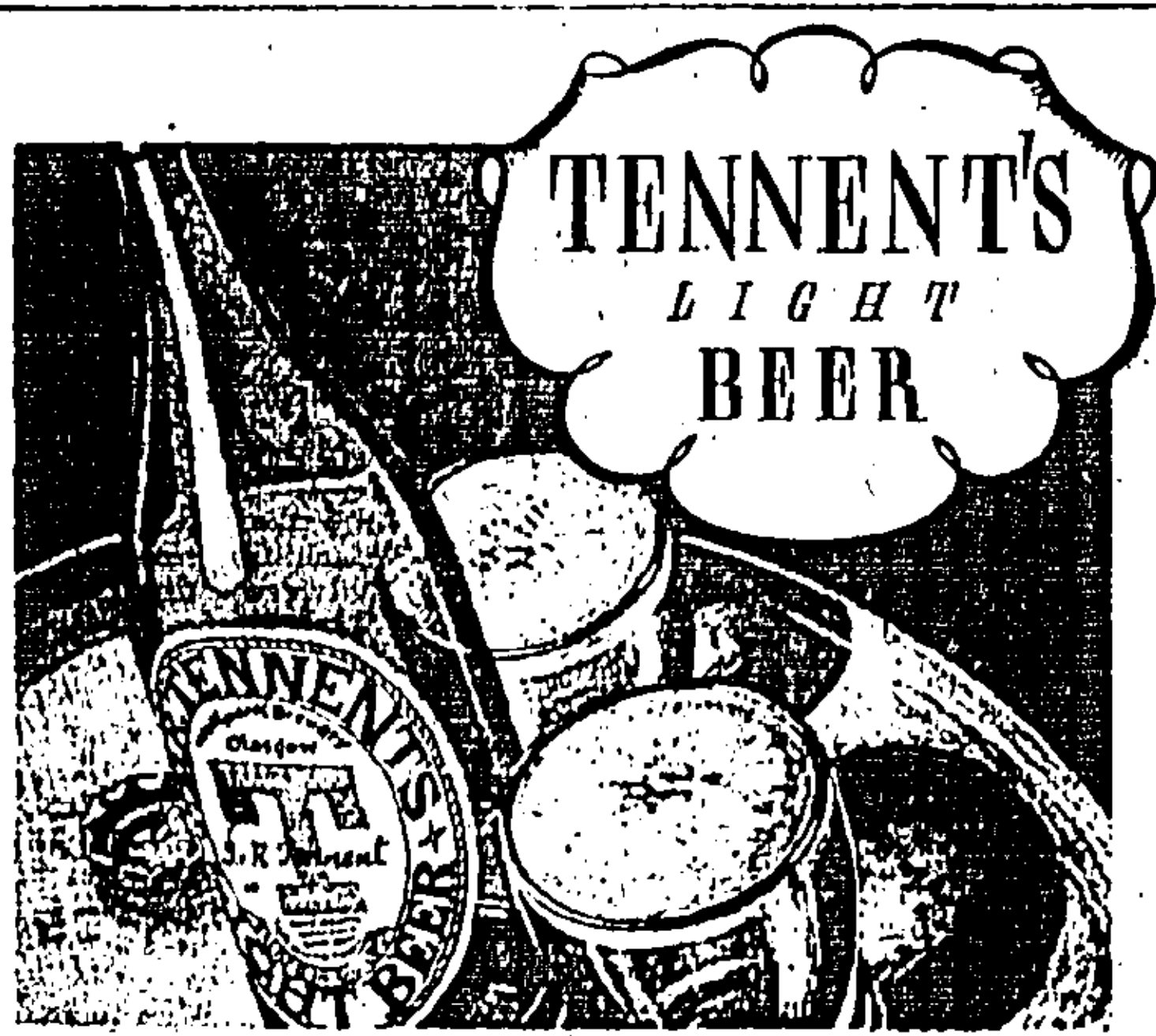
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### The Palestine Problem

Sir—It was Omar the Palestinian who stated that "the Palestine problem divides the False and True Yes; and a single Ajar was the clue."

Your correspondent writing on Palestine in the Saturday issue of your esteemed journal in reply to my letter considers it as anything but a fair-minded attitude for the situation in the Holy Land, which, of course, is a question of relative justice. Nevertheless, the statement in my letter that "the Jewish community have so ably succeeded in maintaining law and order" which he ridicules, happens to be a direct statement made by Mr. Richard Crossman, the Labour member of the House of Commons, who as an eye witness expressed this viewpoint in a letter to the "New Statesman."

I agree that murder and violence are indefensible, but desperation leads to the use of these as political weapons. The history of nearly every nation similar parallels are to be found, as evidenced by the murder of Mahatma Gandhi in India, Sheikh el Banna and Nokrashi Pasha in Egypt, to name three recent cases. The actions of a few irresponsible terrorists should not be attributed to a nation. I challenge your correspondent to substantiate his allegation that the tens of thousands of Palestinian Arabs have had their farms and villages taken from them by the invading colonists. Every square inch of land has been purchased in full and in the majority of cases many times the value of the land. Not an inch of land has been forcibly expropriated from their rightful owners. One has only to consult the findings of the Shaw Commission to note this fact.

My reference to the Jews defending their own country which your correspondent describes as a rather questionable phrase and further that the Jews have the same claim to Palestine as the Italians had in Abyssinia or the Japanese in China makes me feel sorry for your correspondent's mentality. He forgets that all the great powers in 1918-Britain in particular—ratified the Mandate, the preamble of which reads:—

"Whereas recognition has thereby been given to the historical connection of the Jewish people with Palestine and to the grounds for reconstituting their national home in that country etc."

The fundamental rights connected with the historical connection of a people with their homeland, according to International Law is dependent upon the following conditions:—

(1) The nation which is recognised as having "historical connection" with a given territory must have been at one time of its history in possession of that territory.

(2) It is essential that the people claiming the benefit of "historical connection" with a given territory should not have previously renounced it, either explicitly or tacitly.

(3) The people which claims the benefit of "historical connection" shall not have lost its distinct national character.

(4) The people claiming the benefit of "historical connection" with a given territory shall not have acquired in the meantime any other national territory of its own.

These conditions fitting in with the claims of the Jews for the Holy Land, prompted the Allied Powers and Britain in particular to issue the Balfour Declaration and ratify the Mandate in San Remo. Another point to remember, which Dr. Weizmann so plithily put it, is the BIBLE is the Mandate of the Jews.

The citation I made that "the population is enjoying more law and order and civil liberty since the Arab Revolt of 1936," which your correspondent dismisses as preposterous, is not mine but that of Mr. Richard Crossman and is the considered opinion of a fair-minded Englishman and parliamentarian, and I have no reason to disbelieve him.

I do not know on what basis your correspondent makes the preposterous allegation that "the Jews are not merely seeking refuge from political persecution in the creation of a Jewish State but they intend to acquire the whole of Palestine, Transjordan, Syria, the Lebanon and Sinai." Surely he does not think your readers are so gullible as to swallow a lie of such magnitude! What would the great powers do were such a move undertaken? After all, the return of the Jews to Israel was internationally sanctioned by the major powers and based upon the recognition that they are there as of right and not on sufferance. This is a positive construction placed upon the above provision by the British Government.

In conclusion, your correspondent would do well to note Omar's famous lines:—

"The moving finger writes; and, having writ, moves on; nor all your piety nor wit shall lure it back to cancel half a line, Nor all your tears wash out a word of it."

this let my expense. This may sound strange, but what I mean by "at my expense" is precisely this.

As a business man I have enough business sense to know that when you cannot make and most, let alone make a profit, you automatically go out of the particular business you are in and try something else. What comes to my mind in connection with the reduction of the hotel rates is what happens to the hotel that is an staying in and itself in such a position. As I see it, the management of any hotel when faced with the compulsory reduction in their rates and see their profits disappearing, have only two alternatives.

To reduce on their overheads, or to close down. But I understand from the papers that a law will be passed that will prohibit hotel managements from reducing their standards of services, thus preventing the reduction of overheads.

That leaves us with the second alternative—closing out of business. Should such an event come about, I would obviously find myself being informed that the hotel is closing down and that I must vacate my room. This, then, will be the privilege of having cheaper rates at "my expense."

I have been a resident of a particular hotel for the past two years, during which time I have been quite satisfied with the rates and the standard of services. I estimate that the new rates will save me somewhat less than a hundred dollars per month, not in such a poor financial position that I would care to save this small sum at the risk of losing my room.

In which event, I ask you, where would I and all the other residents of the same hotel find satisfactory accommodation at the same rates—being led to understand that a number of hotels are exempt from control? This is another question which comes to my mind: How is it that some hotels will be controlled and others will not?

During the two years that my family and I have resided in this hotel, I have been looking for a flat or house, not because I am dissatisfied with the hotel rates, but for other obvious reasons. Well, we're still in a hotel. Why? Not because there aren't any flats or house—I've found a few.

If I had had the price of the key money or the favour rent that they have been asking I could have moved in long ago. I, for one, do not have that kind of money and if I did I doubt if I would be a party to such a vicious racket.

I can't understand why the hotels, some of which have been built in the last few years, have been "selected from others to be attacked in this manner while there is a perfectly good law in existence against the key-money which continues virtually unnoticed when all that is required is some law enforcement.

The existence of such a useless without enforcement. It would seem to me that the Government could spend their time more usefully figuring out ways to enforce the laws they already have in existence than spending their time passing new laws that could be more harmful to the general public than the good ones.

It might be said in contradiction to my above comment (that hotels might be forced out of business as a result of the reduction of the hotel rates) that no hotel may be closed as a result of the management deciding to go out of business, in which event the premises would be requisitioned and operated by the Government, and all residents would remain in the rooms—they now occupy.

In reply to this, I would like to know how the government could operate the same business with a reduction in the standard of services, and, without coming out on the short end of the budget? If the present hotel management believes "it cannot."

Then, again, since when does the government of a democracy force private enterprise to operate this enterprise themselves? It sounds to me more like Communism than democracy.

It is also my opinion that to reside in a hotel operated and subsidised by the government would not be a particularly desirable place since the spirit of competition would be lacking. As we all know, the most desirable principle in a democracy is free enterprise and the spirit of competition. I'm opposed to enterprises in which enormous profits are made, but I am also opposed to such action by government which prevents business enterprise from making a reasonable margin of profit.

It doesn't seem logical that any government can enforce blanket reductions on the income of a business enterprise without first checking the detailed financial records and expenses. Analysis on each business concerned, and then only such reductions made to permit a satisfactory margin of profit. To the best of my knowledge the rates published last July were based on no such documents.

The revised rates published last October were recommended by a committee that again did not request from the Hotel managements certified income and expense statements. It is beyond me how any intelligent decision can be made by any committee to reduce hotel rates cheap as it is possible, but I am not so anxious that I would desire

To sum up, Reduced Hotel Rates (at my expense) means saving a few dollars, to begin with, then the closing of the hotel, my family and I losing our room, moving to an uncontrolled hotel and maybe paying twice as much—if I could get the place—and who is going to pay for the moving? Government!

Two Years Hotel Resident.

### Debt Repayments

Sir—With reference to the question of the "Rates of Revival" of Occupation Period Debt Repayments which will form the subject matter of an interview between His Excellency the Governor and representatives of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese Community Council, I venture to bring out the following points and shall be glad if you will publish the same in your columns for the consideration of your readers.

(1) Prior to the surrender of Hong Kong to the Japanese, the merchants in the Colony were made to pay war time tax to the Government.

(2) During the occupation the merchants were forced by the Japanese to pay off their debts to the banks. Now the banks involved do not recognise the validity of these forced liquidations and this gives rise to dispute. However, as a matter of fact, the merchants have made payment of their debts once and it is unfair that they have to pay again.

(3) The ratio of exchange 1:4 has been fixed by the Japanese. If the banks are not satisfied with this ratio, they should direct their claims for their losses to Japan.

(4) Some debtors had to sell their properties to pay off their debts under the forced liquidation, and the loss of these debtors is still much more serious.

(5) For the banks to pass their claims for compensation to Japan it is fair to both debtors and creditors.

(6) We are also an ally of the victory countries, and have paid the war time tax to the Government. It is unfair to inflict further losses to us.

(7) If the Japanese are unable to pay the claim right now, payment by instalment may be arranged. China has set an example.

Fair Merchant.

### Questions Asked

Sir—In November last we were informed by the Acting Financial Secretary, Mr. A.F. Clarke, that Government had invested \$1,000,000 of "surplus" funds in the "shares of Associated Properties Ltd., and at the recent Statutory Meeting of the Company it was revealed that this sum represents considerably more than one-third of the total subscribed.

We trust, therefore, that we shall hear the feelings of none of those connected with this purchase, when we enquire why, in view of Government's holdings in this concern, Government is represented on the Board of Directors and why verily of the published list of names of Shareholders present at that Meeting fails to reveal the name of any responsible Government official?

Can it be that Government has acquired an enormous surplus of funds that it can afford to regard the investment of a sum of this magnitude as an unimportant trifle?

It is time that more was made public regarding the purchase of these shares, the return which can be expected, and the negotiable value thereof, otherwise we shall be justified in asking further embarrassing questions.

W.

### Disappointed

Sir—According to a report which appeared in your paper on February 11, Mr. H.C.W. Woodhead, CBE, has returned to this Colony once more after a trip which took him almost round the world.

I have been daily scanning your columns for an article by Mr. Woodhead, but have so far been disappointed to note that he has not written anything for the "China Mail" or "Sunday Herald."

In view of Mr. Woodhead's recent travels since he left this Colony last year, it would, I am sure, be most interesting to have his present-day impressions regarding Hong Kong and the trend of events in China, in the light of what he has seen and learnt during his tour abroad.

SIMPLE SIMON.

### Thinking Day Celebrated

Girl Guides and Brownies in Hong Kong joined their sisters throughout the world yesterday in mutual remembrance on the occasion of Thinking Day.

Thinking Day, which falls each year on February 22, the birthday of Lord and Lady Baden Powell, observed by all girl guides and brownies as a day for thinking of one other.

The ceremony was celebrated in Hong Kong with a service at St. John's Cathedral at 5 p.m., at which units from all the troops in the Colony were present.

The service was conducted by Bishop Hadden, assisted by Dean Ho, and a choir of 100 voices.

A similar service was held at St. Paul's Cathedral at 8 p.m.

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## THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS  
ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Monday, the 28th day of February, 1949, at Noon, to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.
2. To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1948.
3. To elect two Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

## CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 14th February, 1949, to the 28th February, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON, Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 1, 1949.

NOTICE  
THE CROWN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Notice is hereby given that Mr. Lee Yung-Chang has resigned his appointment as an Authorised Representative of this company, with effect from the 14th February, 1949 and that he is no longer associated with the company.

All Policyholders who have previously conducted their affairs in consultation with Mr. Y. C. Lee are requested to communicate direct with the undersigned in future regarding all matters in connection with their policies.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Agents, Hong Kong & Macao.

## NATURALIZATION NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that Vsevolod Nicolaevich Vargassoff of 45, Morrison Hill Road, 3rd floor is applying to the Governor for naturalization, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Hong Kong.

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## THE HONGKONG &amp; SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

## ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Saturday the 6th day of March, 1949, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1948, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 18th day of February to Saturday the 6th day of March, 1949 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board, A. MORSE, Chief Manager.

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixteenth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on Friday, 25th February, 1949, at 12 noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the period ended 31st October, 1948, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 15th February, 1949, to Friday, 25th February, 1949, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, LIMITED, General Managers.

Hong Kong, Feb. 7, 1949.

## HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 22nd day of March, 1949, at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 8th to the 22nd day of March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, W. H. PATERSON, Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 22, 1949.

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Exclusive Authorised Representative of Jantzen Knitting Mills in China and Hong Kong is

D. B. SPARKS (MANAGER—Laura Gutierrez) care of John D. Hutchison & Co. Ltd., King's Building, February 21, 1949.

## HUMPHREYS ESTATE &amp; FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong on Tuesday 8th March 1949 at 12 noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948 and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

NOTICE is further hereby given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th February 1949 to the 8th March 1949 both days inclusive during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

AND NOTICE is hereby also given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on the same day at 12.30 p.m. or so soon afterwards as the Ordinary General Meeting shall be concluded, when the subjoined Resolution will be submitted:—

THAT the Authorised capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$3,000,000 divided into 300,000 Shares of \$10 each (of which the whole have been issued) to \$10,000,000 by the creation of 700,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$10 each and that such additional shares as aforesaid shall be issued at such time or times and upon terms and conditions as the Company's Board of Directors in their absolute discretion shall think fit.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, LTD., General Managers.

Hong Kong, Feb. 9, 1949.

## HONG KONG TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Teachers Association will be held in St. Joseph's College, Kennedy Road, at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 1949.

## Agenda

1. Presentation of Audited Statement of Accounts and Annual Report for year 1947/48.
  2. Approval of New Constitution.
  3. Election of President.
- M. HEARSON, Joint Secretary, Hong Kong Teachers Association.

## HONG KONG SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

## Reminder

The Extraordinary General Meeting will take place at the Green Room, Peninsula Hotel, on Monday, February 28, at 6 p.m.

A. E. RIBEIRO, Hon. Secretary.

## THE REFORM CLUB OF HONGKONG

THE FIRST PUBLIC MEETING will be held at The Roof Garden of The Hongkong Hotel on Friday, the 25th February at 5.30 p.m.

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## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"How old am I? I'm six years old! How old are you?"

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

IT HINGS ON READING EVERY ITEM deduced from your reading of the opponents' hands may be wrong except some one vital detail. But if that is correct, it is all you require to make your plan work in some situations. This is especially so in the case of certain fairly complex squeeze plays. It applies in most interesting fashion to some of the devastating double squeezes built by skillful declarers.

S 84 H 38  
D 542 J 33  
CA 910 CK 393

SAJ6 HAKJ10962  
D 33 C2

(Declarer South. Both sides vulnerable.)

South West North East  
1 H Pass 2 C Pass  
3 H Pass 4 H Pass  
4 NT Pass 5 D Pass  
6 H

West followed his scoring of the club A with a switch to the diamond 2, and South went to work at his card reading. He decided that if West had not held the club Q, he would have repeated the suit in order to help establish it for East—hence West had it.

South's thinking then followed orderly lines. With eleven tricks in sight and no club to lead for a finesse of the J, he had to build as to have in dummy the diamond A and club J when he led the last heart, also having in

his own holding the spade J and diamond 3. In that case, if West be the only one able to guard against diamonds, he would be squeezed between diamonds and the club. If East be the only one able to safeguard both diamonds and spades, he could be squeezed. Even if both could guard diamonds, they would be sunk by a double squeeze in case East protected spades and West clubs.

So South put the diamond 10 on the 2, bringing out the Q and K. Then he raked in the club K, five more hearts and the spade A. So when the last heart was now led, his double squeeze worked. West had to keep the club Q to top the J, so discarded a diamond from the J-5. The club J was then tossed from dummy, and East was squeezed, if he threw away the spade K, the J would become good, so he picked a diamond from the 9-7. That enabled the diamond 3 to the A to drop both the J and 9 and make the 8 good for the final trick.

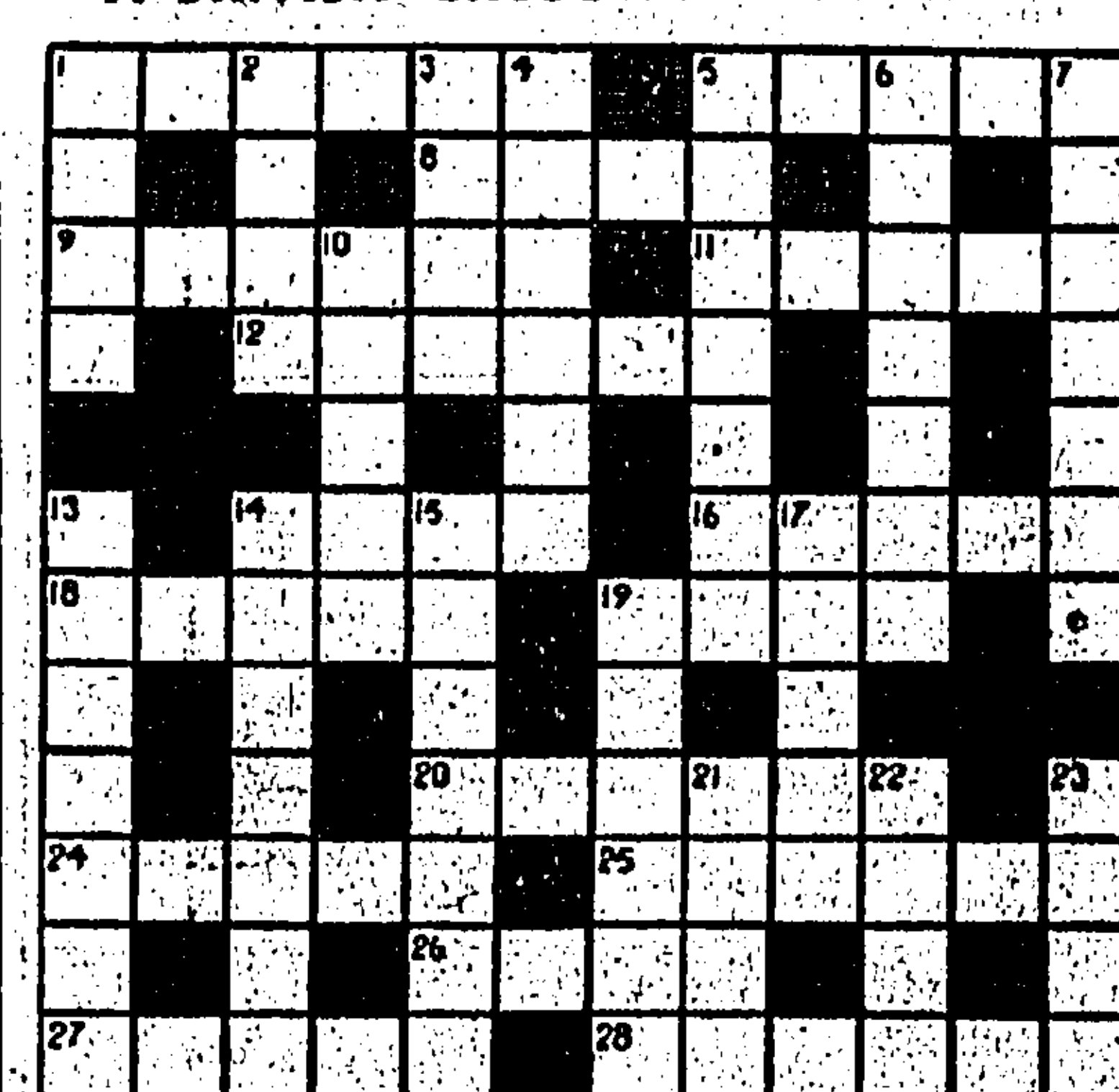
Tomorrow's Problem  
S 72 HKJ1053  
D A K 2 QJ105  
SAQ 043 HAQ 6 D1084 C7  
S 85 H9874 DQ97 C9832

SAQ 043 HAQ 6 D1084 C7  
S 85 H9874 DQ97 C9832

(Declarer South. Neither side vulnerable.)

What reasons can you think of to cause a funny bid of 2-Spades by West over South's 1-Club?

## A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



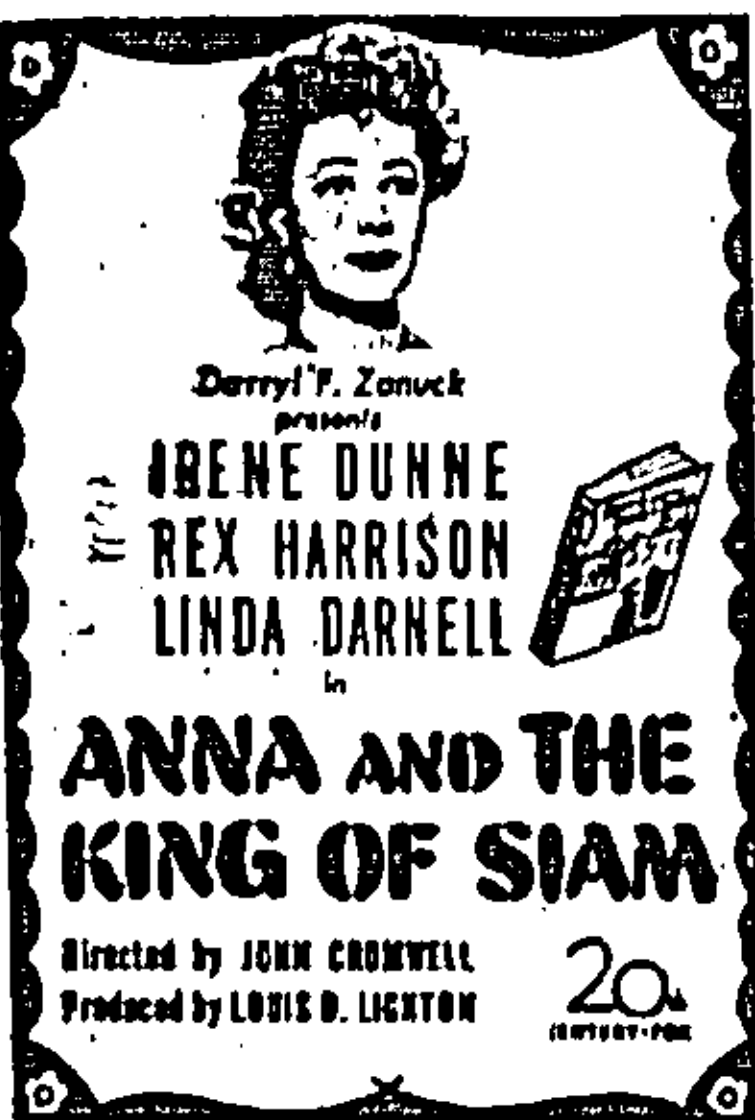
Across  
1 Constraint, 19 Lake, 20 Freebooter, 21 Sharp, 22 Road, 23 Place of confinement, 24 Incident, 25 Enacted, 26 Worship.

Down  
1 Drybreak, 14 Attitude, 2 Jealous, 15 Regard with deference, 3 Pace, 4 Choose, 17 Speak, 5 Frigate, 19 Optical, 6 Cornpone, 10 Cut apart, 22 Finishes, 7 Whisks, 21 Assent, 10 Cut apart, 22 Finishes, 13 Corridor, 23 Notice.

Yesterday's Crossword  
Across—1 Butts, 4 Tissue, 5 Siege, 5 Item, 6 Signal, 7 Ed-died, 9 Message, 11 Gallop, 12 Malice, 17 Laver, 19 Spilled, 20 Replaced, 15 Aloe, 16 Tucker, 18 Vain, 20 Crimes, 21 Nestle, 24 Select, 25 Motre, 26 Ermine, 31 Steady, 32 Pagan.

Down—1 Brown, 2 Total, 3 Across, 4 Bull, 5 Item, 6 Signal, 7 Ed-died, 9 Message, 11 Gallop, 12 Malice, 17 Laver, 19 Spilled, 20 Replaced, 15 Aloe, 16 Tucker, 18 Vain, 20 Crimes, 21 Nestle, 24 Select, 25 Motre, 26 Ermine, 31 Steady, 32 Pagan.



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**"GOLDEN EARRINGS"**  
Starring:  
Ray Milland  
Marlene Dietrich**VIETNAMESE TO  
CONTINUE STRUGGLE  
AGAINST FRENCH**

Paris, February 21.

The Vietnamese people would not lay down their arms in their struggle against the French for independence even if Bao Dai, the ex-emperor of Annam, returned to Indo-China with an agreement for the unity and independence of the country, Dr. Ho Chi-minh, the Vietminh (Indo-Chinese autonomist) leader, declared today over the Viet-Minh Radio and reported by Agence France Presse from Saigon.

Do Ho's statement coincided with the arrival of Bao Dai here from Cannes for the final negotiations intended to prepare his return to Saigon as head of the Vietnam Republic. Well informed French quarters close to Bao Dai were optimistic today about the outcome of these negotiations, which began last June.

Britain has for some time been indicating to the French Government through her diplomatic representatives her anxiety over the French situation in Indo-China, usually reliable sources in Paris disclosed. Consultation between Britain and France on the situation in South East Asia was "more or less continuous," they added.

The French news agency reported a revival of Nationalist "terrorism" in Saigon during the past week. Grenades exploded in different parts of the town every night, the agency said. In the latest attack, 11 Indo-Chinese were wounded.

Partisans of Dr. Ho Chi Minh also set fire to a sawmill on the outskirts of the town, it was added.

Ex-emperor Bao Dai arrived in Paris today from Southern France to negotiate with the French Government for his return to Indo-China as Chief of State of Vietnam, which comprises three of the five provinces of Indo-China—Tonkin, Annam and Cochinchina.

The Ex-emperor stated recently that he would not return to Indo-China until the French National Assembly had specifically endorsed the inclusion of Cochinchina in the Vietnam State. Certain French quarters are opposed to this inclusion.

**Agreement Expected**

Officials close to the ex-emperor said today that the negotiations were entering "their final phase" and seemed hopeful that an agreement would soon be reached for his return. The ex-emperor came to Paris at the invitation of the French President, M. Vincent Auriol.

The French High Commissioner in Indo-China, M. Leon Pignon, is due in Paris from Saigon next Monday to take part in the talks. Negotiations for a settlement of the relations between France and Vietnam have been going on for many months. An agreement in principle was reached by both sides on a cruiser in the Bay of Along last June.

The success of the Communists in China has, according to well informed circles in Paris, made both sides anxious to hasten a final settlement for an autonomous Vietnam State within the French Union.

M. Phan Van Binn, the ex-emperor's private secretary, told Reuters today that unofficial contacts on Indo-China had recently been made between London and Paris. He visited London early in February and saw various British political leaders, including Mr. Winston Churchill, he said.

The former French High Commissioner in Indo-China, M. Emile Bollaert, was also in London this month when he met Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, the British Colonial Secretary, and Lord Killearn, former British Special Commissioner for South East Asia, and other leaders.

General Pierre de Boscquille, a Gaullist leader, said today: "The Government have allowed our military strength in Indo-China to fall below the minimum security level. France cannot expect the United States and Britain to take her seriously if she cannot even defend her own territory, particularly in Indo-China, the last bastion of the West in a rising sea of Communism."

"We Gaullists shall, however, see to it that Indo-China is not abandoned,"—Reuters.

**RADIO**

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

H.K.T.  
12.15 p.m.—Morning Prayers. (Studio)  
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.  
12.32 p.m.—"Dandadand". Dribbouse and Rastick Band. (BDCTS)  
1.00 p.m.—Harry Horlick and His Orchestra.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.  
1.30 p.m.—"From the Showa."  
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.  
2.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.  
6.01 p.m.—"Maker of Musical Puzzles".

—Childrens Half Hour (Studio) A Feature Programme written by Hilda Kirby.

8.30 p.m.—Jimmy Dorsey and His Orchestra.

6.10 p.m.—Pete Valderama & the Piano. (Studio)

7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)

7.15 p.m.—Mazzyr Imre (Violin) and His Gypsy Orchestra, and Joseph Schmidt. (Tenor)

7.30 p.m.—London Studio Melodies. A Programme of Continuous Music by the Masqueraders, with Wilfred Perry (Piano). (BDCTS)

8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials." (London Relay)

8.10 p.m.—Interlude.

8.15 p.m.—"It's in the Air" Variety Request Programme presented by Susan Howard. (Studio)

9.15 p.m.—"The Art of Living" by James Laver. (BDCTS)

9.30 p.m.—"Anthology" Presented by Clifford Davies. (Studio)

10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)

10.15 p.m.—"Tom Jones" Founded upon Fielding's Novel. Music by Sir Edward German. With Joan Butler, Edith Lewis, Kathleen Cason, Frederick Harvey, Clifford Dril, Dudley Ralph, BBC Midland Chorus and Light Orchestra, conducted by Gilbert Viner. (London Relay)

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close

**Communist Gains  
Reported In Burma**

Rangoon, February 21.

Combined forces of Karen and Communist rebels have occupied the Central Burma towns of Pymmana, Yamethin and Meiktila, it was officially stated today. Meiktila is the headquarters of the North Burma Army.

By their capture of Meiktila the insurgents control about 300 kilometres of road and railway connecting the capital of Rangoon with Mandalay.

Using a Dakota plane, the insurgents had seized the airfield at Meiktila, between Rangoon and Mandalay. The Karens were reported unofficially to have landed and captured the aerodrome at Amisaken, 30 miles north of Mandalay. The plane belonged to the Cathay Pacific Airlines and it had been requisitioned by the Burmese Army who tried to contact the town by radio and were seeking news of the plane.

The capture of the plane was reported by an American pilot, Captain Cederberg, whose Siamese-owned Trans-Asiatic Airways Dakota plane narrowly escaped a similar fate.

Returning here today, he described how he suspected trouble when armed men tried to enter his plane as it touched down at Meiktila. He said he took off at once, causing the men to be flung off the plane.

The insurgents now already hold Pyu and Toungoo, 35 and 170 miles north of Rangoon. An official spokesman here said the rebels were reported to be advancing northwards towards Mandalay, presumably to rescue Karen soldiers disarmed by Government forces.

Burmese Air Force planes today bombed Karen positions in Insein, near here, and Chin Riflemen in the Government Army captured more positions in the town, it was reported.

A Government communique added that after Government forces had entered the railway workshops at Gyagon, South of Insein, heavy fighting took place and the Karens made unsuccessful attempts to break through the lines of the attackers.—Reuters.

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## HOTEL RESIDENTS

It has certainly not been the opinion of this paper, ever since the controversy started, that Hong Kong hoteliers were, on the whole, going to suffer unfairly or be put out of business by the control of their rents. A case might possibly have been made out against Mr. Eardley's sweeping reforms, but the new ordinance seemed rather lacking in teeth instead of being unduly formidable. Most residents and transients certainly are of this opinion.

It is, however, refreshing to have a letter from a hotel resident like that printed in the "China Mail" today, virtually objecting to any sort of control over landlords and managements. Not that the writer claims any love for those who sit at the receipt of custom: he merely feels that his own welfare will suffer. Like this. Admitting that hotel profits will decrease, as a business man himself he sees only two likely developments—that services and standards will be cut down, or the owners will be forced to give up operations—both contingencies which would cause him and his family definite discomfort.

There is something to be said for this argument, but the theoretical answer is that government is apparently satisfied that the reduced margin of profit is still sufficiently large to allow of continued services at the present standard and to provide further incentive to carry on.

It is unlikely in our opinion that any hotelier will close his doors because of the new regulations. And presumably the new ordinance implies, if it does not state in watertight fashion, that all normal facilities must still be provided under the new rates. If this is so, any resident could invoke the law if these were revoked.

To anticipate official comment should hotels go out of business, our correspondent says that government might indeed take over the closed properties (although he wouldn't like to live in one under such conditions), but he asks if it is government's intention to drive private enterprises out of business and then run the concerns themselves? A fair question, even if unlikely to require an answer.

He does, however, make one point which has been discussed time and again throughout the colony: in the shortage of accommodation, are hotel proprietors such big sharks as compared with the owners of new houses and flats? Do the present rentals even approximate the increased costs of building? And just what justifies the key money racket, apart from sheer opportunism? No one with any sense would deny that the stamping out of this vicious system would be extremely difficult, through lack of evidence mainly. There is no doubt that such practices flourish only because the public panders to them and will not complain.

It is reprehensible but understandable that a tenant who has agreed to pay key money will not report the matter to the police. But what of the man—with his wife as witness—who has been offered a flat only on payment of an exorbitant sum, and refuses it? Surely he is lacking in his obvious duty—if he does not

FUTURE generations may deem it noteworthy that the supreme question of whether we should fight on alone never found a place upon the War Cabinet Agenda. It was taken for granted and as a matter of course by these men of all Parties in the State, and we were much too busy to waste time upon such unreal, academic issues. We were united also in viewing the new phase with good confidence. It was decided to tell the Dominions the whole facts. I was invited to send a message in the same sense to President Roosevelt, and also to sustain the determination of the French Government and assure them of our utmost support.

On June 13, 1940, I made my last visit to France for four years almost to a day. The French Government had now withdrawn to Tours, and tension had mounted steadily. I took Edward Hall, my son, and General Ismay with me, and Max Beaverbrook volunteered to come too. In trouble he is always buoyant. This time the weather was cloudless, and we sailed over in the midst of our Hurricane squadron, making, however, a rather wider sweep to the Southwest than before. Arrived over Tours, we found the airport had been heavily bombed the night before, but we and all our escort landed smoothly in spite of the crater.

## Silky Manner

It being already nearly 2 o'clock, I insisted upon luncheon, and after some delayings we drove through streets crowded with refugees' cars, most of them with a mattress on top and crammed with luggage. We found a cafe which was closed, but after explanations we obtained a meal. During luncheon I was visited by M. Baudouin, an official of the French Foreign Office, whose influence had risen in these latter days. He began at once in his soft, silky manner about the hopelessness of the French resistance. If the United States would declare war on Germany, it might be possible for France to continue. What did I think about this? I did not discuss the question further than to say that I hoped America would come in, and that we should certainly fight on. He afterwards, I was told, spread it about that I had agreed that France should surrender unless the States came in.

We then returned to the Prefecture where Mandel, Minister of the Interior, awaited us. This faithful former secretary of Clemenceau, and a bearer forward of his life's message, seemed in the best of spirits. He was energetic and defiant, personified. His luncheon, an attractive chicken, was uncut on the tray before him. He was a ray of sunshine. He had a telephone in each hand through which he was constantly giving orders and decisions. His ideas were simple; light on to the end in France, in order to cover the largest possible movement into Africa. This was the last time I saw this valiant Frenchman. The restored French Republic rightly shot to death the hirelings who murdered him. His memory is honoured by his countrymen and their Allies.

## Solemn Pledge

Presently M. Reynaud arrived. At first he seemed depressed. General Weygand had reported to him that the French armies were exhausted. The line was pierced in many places; refugees were pouring along all the roads through the country; and many of the troops were in disorder. The Generalissimo felt it was necessary to ask for an armistice while there were still enough French troops to keep order until peace could be made. Such was the military advice.

He would send that day a further message to Mr. Roosevelt saying that the last hour had come, and that the fate of the Allied cause lay in America's

more than tell the story over cocktails?

The hotels or some of them, have now been controlled, however feebly. The feeling among the colony's citizens, even if few of them have the necessary civic sense themselves, is that government should now walk in and clean up the housing racketeers.

hand. Hence arose the alternative of armistice and peace.

Mr. Reynaud proceeded to say that the Council of Ministers had on the previous day instructed him to inquire what would be Britain's attitude should the worst come. He himself was well aware of the solemn pledge that no separate peace would be entered into by either ally. General Weygand, and others pointed out that everything in the common cause. She had nothing left; but she had succeeded in greatly weakening the common foe.

It would in those circumstances be a shock if Britain failed to concede that France was physically unable to carry on, let alone to deliver up her reputation and evil transformation at the hands of ruthless specialists in the art of bringing conquered peoples to heel. Then there was the question which he had to put. Would Great Britain realise the hard facts with which France was faced?

## Official Record

The official British record reads as follows: Mr. Churchill said that Great Britain realised now much France had suffered and was suffering. Her own turn would come, and she was ready. She grieved to find that her contribution to the land struggle was at present so small, owing to the reverses which had been met with as a result of applying an agreed strategy in the North. The British had not yet felt the German lash, but were aware of its force. They nevertheless had but one thought: to win the war and destroy Hitlerism. Everything was subordinate to that aim; no difficulties, no regrets, could stand in the way.

He was well assured of British capacity for enduring and persisting for striking back till the foe was beaten. They would therefore hope that France would carry on fighting South of Paris down to the sea, and if need be from North Africa. At all costs time must be gained. The period of waiting was not limitless; a pledge from the United States would make it quite short.

The alternative course meant destruction for France quite as certainly. Hitler would abide by no pledges. If, on the other hand, France remained in the struggle, with her fine Navy, her great Empire, her Army still able to carry on guerrilla warfare on a gigantic scale, and if Germany failed to destroy England, which she must do or go under, if then Germany's might in the air was broken, then the whole hateful edifice of Nazidom would topple over.

## Never Doubted

Given immediate help from America, perhaps even a declaration of war, victory was not so far off. At all events England would fight on. She had not and would not alter her resolve: no terms, no surrender. The alternatives for her were death or victory. That was his answer to M. Reynaud's question.

M. Reynaud replied that he had never doubted England's determination. He was, however, anxious to know how the British Government would react in a certain contingency. The French Government—the present one or another—might say: "We know you will carry on. We would also, if we saw any hope of a victory. But we see no sufficient hopes of an early victory. We cannot count on American help. There is no light at the end of the tunnel. We cannot abandon our people to indefinite German domination. We must come to terms. We have no choice."

It was already too late to organise a redoubt in Brittany. Nowhere would a genuine French Government have a hope of escaping capture on French soil. The question to Britain would therefore take the form: "Will you acknow-

ledge that France has given her best, her youth and life blood; that she can do no more; and that she is entitled, having nothing further to contribute to the common cause, to enter into a separate peace while maintaining the solidarity implicit in the solemn agreement entered into three months previously?"

Separate Peace  
Mr. Churchill said that no case would Britain waste time and energy in reproaches and recriminations. That did not mean that she would consent to action contrary to the recent agreement. The first step ought to be M. Reynaud's further message putting the present position squarely to President Roosevelt. Let them await the answer before considering anything else. If England won the war France would be restored in her dignity and in her greatness.

All the same I thought the issue raised at this point was so serious that I asked to withdraw with my colleagues before answering it. So Lord Halifax and Beaverbrook and the rest of our party went out into a dripping but sunlit garden, and talked things over for half an hour. On our return I restated our position. We could not agree to a separate peace, however it might come.

Our war aim remained the total defeat of Hitler, and we felt that we could still bring this about. We were therefore not in a position to release France from her obligation. Whatever happened, we would level no reproaches against France; but that was a different matter from consenting to release her from her pledge. I urged that the French should now send a new appeal to President Roosevelt, which would support from London. M. Reynaud agreed to do this and promised that the French would hold on until the result of his final appeal was known.

## The Death

Before leaving I made one particular request to M. Reynaud. Over 400 German pilots, the bulk of whom had been shot down by the RAF, were prisoners in France. Having regard to the situation, they should be handed over to our custody. M. Reynaud willingly gave this promise, but soon he had no power to keep it. These German pilots all became available for the Battle of Britain, and we had to shoot them down a second time.

At the end of our talk, M. Reynaud took us into the adjoining room where MM. Herriot and Jeanneney, the Presidents of the Chamber and Senate respectively, were seated. Both these French patriots spoke with passionate emotion about fighting on to the death. As we went down the crowded passage into the courtyard I saw General de Gaulle standing solid and expressionless at the doorway. Greeting him I said in a low tone, in French: "L'homme du destin." He remained impassive. In the courtyard there must have been more than a hundred leading Frenchmen in frightful misery. Clemenceau's son was brought up to me. I wrung his hand. The Hurri-caners were already in the air, and I slept sound on our swift and uneventful journey home. This was wise, for there was a long way to go before bed-time.

## Desperate Appeal

After our departure from Tours at about half-past five M. Reynaud met his Cabinet again at Cangey. They were vexed that I and my colleagues had not come there to join them. We should have been very willing to do so, no matter how late we had to fly home. But we were never invited; nor did we know there was to be a French Cabinet meeting. At Cangey the decision was taken to move the French Government to Bordeaux, and M. Reynaud sent off his telegram to Roosevelt with its desperate appeal for the entry on the scene at least of the American Fleet.

At 10.15 p.m. I made my new report to the Cabinet. My account was endorsed by my two companions. While we were still

sitting, Ambassador Kennedy arrived with President Roosevelt's reply to Reynaud's appeal of June 10.

President Roosevelt to M. Reynaud 13.VI.40.  
Your message of June 10 has moved me very deeply. As I have already stated to you and to Mr. Churchill, this Government is doing everything in its power to make available to the Allied Governments the material they so urgently require, and our efforts to do still more are being redoubled. This is so because of our faith in and our support of the Allies, for which the Allies are fighting. The magnificent resistance of the French and British Armies has profoundly impressed the American people.

## Further Torture

I am, personally, particularly impressed by your declaration that France will continue to fight on behalf of Democracy, even if it means slow withdrawal, even to North Africa and the Atlantic. It is most important to remember that the French and British fleets continue (in) mastery of the Atlantic and other oceans; also to remember that vital materials from the outside world are necessary to maintain all armies. I am also greatly heartened by what Prime Minister Churchill said a few days ago about the continued resistance of the British Empire, and that determination would seem to apply equally to the great French Empire all over the world. Naval power in world affairs still carries the lessons of history, as Admiral Darlan well knows. We all thought the President had gone a very long way. He had authorised Reynaud to publish his message of June 10 with all that that implied, and now he had sent this formidable answer. If, upon this, France decided to endure the further torture of the war, the United States would be deeply committed to enter it. At any rate, it contained two points which were tantamount to all material, which implied active assistance, secondly, a call to go on fighting even if the Government were driven right out of France.

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(To Be Continued Tomorrow)

## Higher Army Pay Urged

Washington, February 21. The Secretary of Defence, Mr. James Forrestal, today asked Congress to raise the pay of most military personnel by a total of over US\$4,000,000 yearly. Mr. Forrestal testified before the House Armed Services Subcommittee on an administration bill which would set up the first uniform pay scale for the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, public health Service and Coast and Geodetic Survey. Except for the lowest-ranking enlisted man and raw recruit, everyone in uniform would benefit.

The Secretary told the Committee the proposed scales were based on the first comprehensive study made since 1933, an undertaking that required a year and a half. He said they need to wipe out inequities resulting from piecemeal adjustments made in the past and to put military personnel on a "equal pay for equal work" basis with civilians. —United Press.

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According to our front page yesterday, a Methodist bishop visiting the Orient says that a Communist offensive is moving across South Eastern Asia with the rest of the Continent. And they always told us you can't take it with you.

Some types in Canton have been forging Hong Kong dollar notes. One doesn't hear about anyone counterfeiting gold yuan. Maybe the price of paper is too high. A woman prison reform advocate wants prison terms reduced all round. How like a woman not to let a man finish his sentence.

Some hotel keepers are said to be doing things. Some there will be silver threads among the gold.

Conservatives are sickened by the State Health Service in Britain.

Decreased fertility in the U.S. is said to be due to the change from rural to a more hectic city existence. Even without the entertainments of the town, a true lover of nature need not find the country evenings dull.

This poem is the only one of its kind in the English Language.

The recital Of the title Takes more time Than the rhyme.—Punch.

"Seven Years Hard For Bus Robber." But not any harder than for anybody else.

Errant printers again. "Troupe In Damascus." No relation to the Mahdi.

A policeman arrested an ex-policeman posing as a policeman. Well, it takes a something to catch a something.

## Control Over Atoms Sought

Washington, February 22. The United Nations has been urged to undertake supervision of an international distribution of radio-active isotopes.

These are varieties of 'atoms' which give off radiations and are produced in atomic energy reactors. They are used for medical, scientific, agricultural and industrial research.

The proposal was made on behalf of the Federation of American Scientists by Dr. Arthur Roberts, State University of Iowa physicist, and chairman of the Federation's Administrative Committee.

The Federation describes itself as an organisation embracing 20 different scientific associations with a total membership of 2,000, mainly atomic scientists.

## Peace And Security

Dr. Roberts said the materials in question in no way threaten the peace or security of the nation. Hence it may well be possible to achieve a measure of international co-operation in this harmless but important field of atomic endeavour.

(The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission has been making American-made isotopes available to foreign countries. Twenty-one countries have already received shipments.)

Dr. Roberts said problems involved include licensing, safeguards for health, standards of measurements, distribution procedures, nomenclature and prices. —Associated Press.



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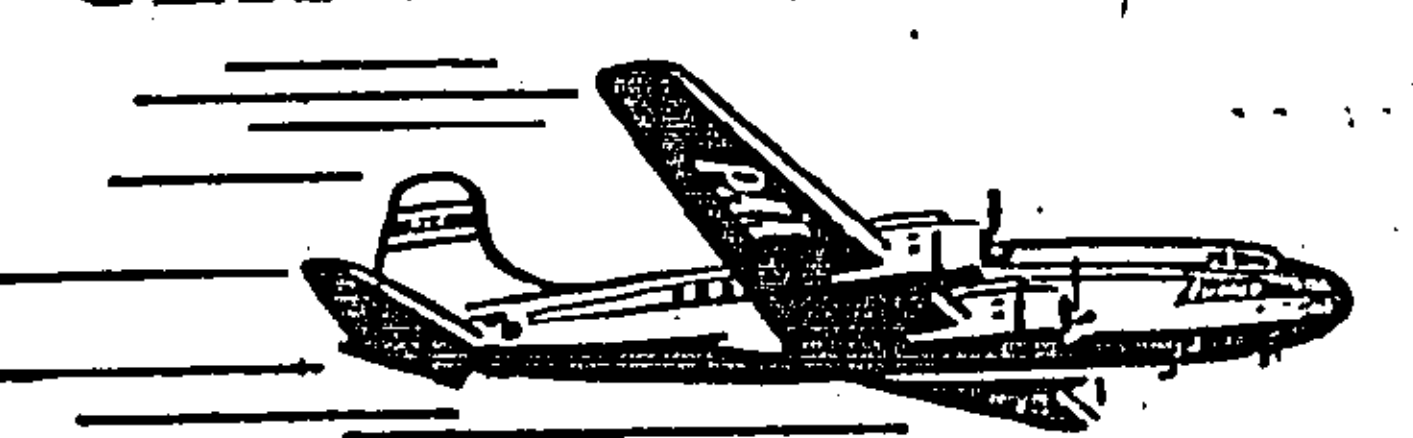
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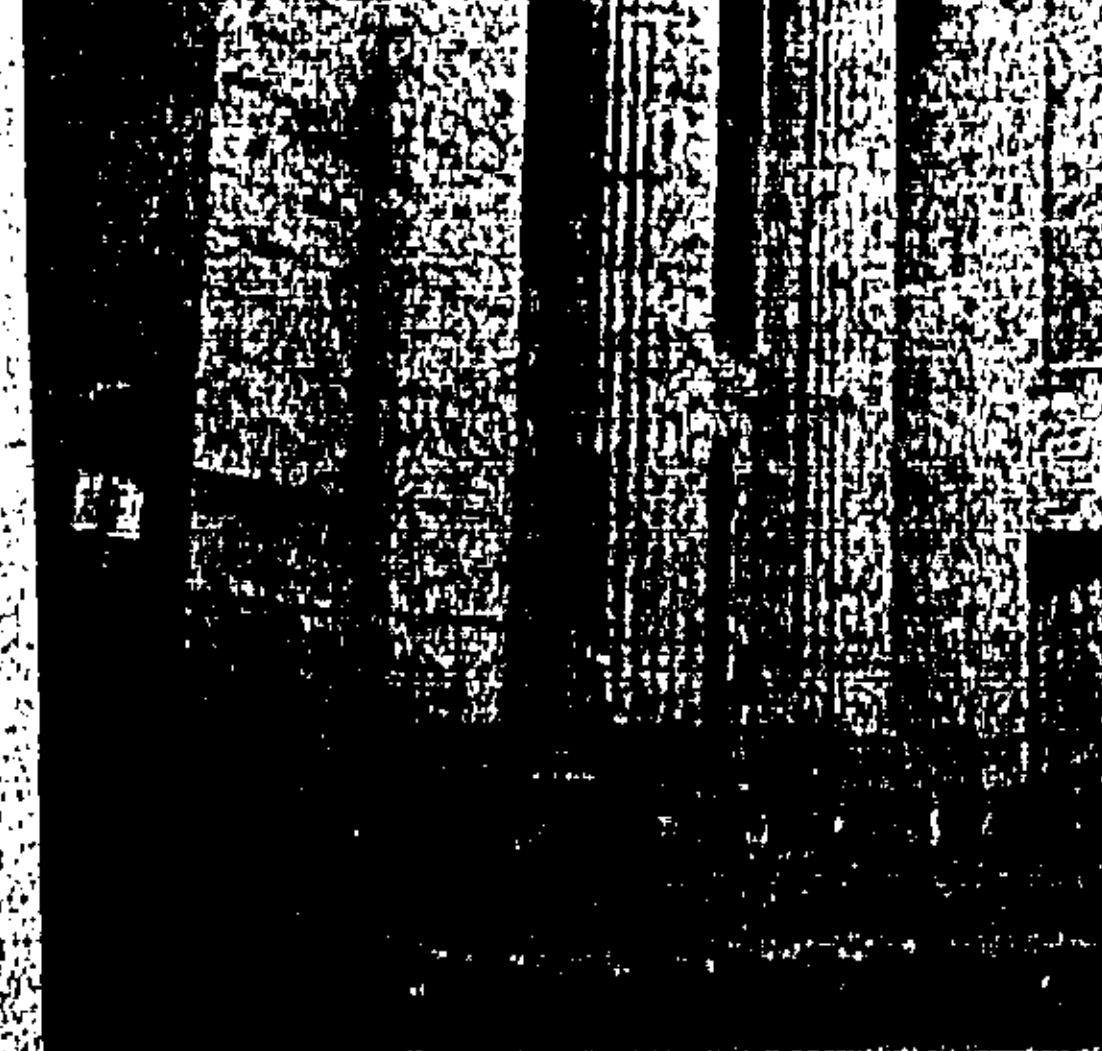
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# WAR STILL POSSIBLE, WARNS MONTGOMERY

## Preparedness Essential LONDON AGAIN A TARGET

Zurich, Switzerland, February 21.

Viscount Montgomery, Commander-in-Chief of the West European Defence Union, said today that the world has not yet reached the stage where mankind, by reasoning alone, can end war.

Addressing the Swiss-British Society in Zurich, Viscount Montgomery said: "We are supposed to be at peace, but it is a very uneasy peace which broods over the world."

"Only a few madmen like fighting," said Viscount Montgomery. He warned that "we must be clear that war is always a possibility for which a nation must be prepared."

"In the troubled world in which we live today, unpreparedness and unreadiness for war is merely to place a high trump card, possibly the highest, in the hands of a potential enemy," he said.

"The two essential cards to hold are national security and economic stability. These two cards are interdependent. Without them, a nation is certain sooner or later to have to sacrifice its principles, independence, freedom and traditional way of life or else face defeat in war and be overrun by the enemy."

firm resolve that is lacking in more volatile races. Those qualities appeal to us British immensely," he added.

"In a world which is tragically ridden by two conflicting ideologies, a strong national character is of final importance," he said.

"The qualities which distinguish the good soldier all derive from the national character. Therefore, anything which weakens the national character weakens the army."—Associated Press.

### Burst On Us

"An army, remodelled to suit modern conditions, is still an essential partner in spite of the introduction of mass destructive weapons. As in the past, we have to be prepared for battle on London."

Today, the nations are anemic from the losses of six years of destruction in World War II which burst on us before we had really recovered from World War I," the Field Marshal said.

"We are living in difficult times. The world is restless and critical. It is ridden by two conflicting ideological doctrines. Fear is abroad."

Referring to Switzerland's place in the present setting, Viscount Montgomery said: "There must never be any doubt Switzerland's ability or about her state of readiness to fight in defence of her neutrality. Within the ramparts of its mighty mountains should be found freedom and justice for all men for all time."

"A study of the map shows that Switzerland is situated at the principal communication routes of central Europe. If Switzerland, modified in any way her traditional policy of neutrality, she would be in danger of becoming a battlefield for the armies of the belligerents and might well become annihilated."

### Firm Resolve

He said that the Swiss are a solid people and have that strength of character and that

### No Commitment Yet Made

London, February 21. No Government involved in the Atlantic Pact discussions had yet committed itself to any military obligations, Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State, told the House of Commons today. He was asked for an assurance that no commitment to automatic belligerency or to military action would be accepted under the pact which was not also accepted by all other nations which were parties to it.

Mr. McNeill told the pacifist Labour Member, Mr. Emrys Hughes, that the defence arrangements under the United Nations Charter could in no way constitute a breach of the Anglo-Soviet treaty of 1942.

Mr. Hughes had asked when the treaty terminated. He also asked for an assurance that the Atlantic Pact would not be signed until the British Government was satisfied that such action was not a breach of Britain's agreement with Russia.

Mr. McNeill replied that the treaty would remain in force for 20 years and thereafter unless 12 months' notice was given by either side.

Mr. McNeill added that the British Government would never be a party to aggressive intentions. The defence arrangements under the United Nations Charter could in no way constitute a breach of the 1942 treaty with the Soviet Union.—Reuter.

## Building Of New Navy Pending

London, February 21.

The Chiefs of the Admiralty are still awaiting guidance from the scientists before building the new kind of navy needed in the atomic age, Britain's Navy Estimates for 1949-50, published today, indicated.

In an official Parliamentary paper published with the Estimates, Lord Hall, the First Lord of the Admiralty, announced that he did not propose this year to undertake any substantial programme of new construction. The policy during the forthcoming year will be directed to the improvement by all possible means of the state of readiness of the fleet, Lord Hall stated.

It will also be directed to vigorous research and development on which the maintenance of the traditional efficiency of the Royal Navy, particularly in the years ahead, will so largely depend."

The Estimates amount to £189,250,000, an increase of £36,250,000 over last year. They revealed that only nine warships will be under construction on March 31, this year—one fleet aircraft carrier, one light fleet aircraft carrier and seven destroyers.

The Admiralty in the coming year will spend £7,180,000 on scientific services and research, the Estimates revealed. Last year's figure was £6,892,000.

### Counter Attacks

Lord Hall's introductory statement to the Estimates declared: "The maintenance of our future communications in any future war will depend in a high degree on the ability of the Navy, in co-operation with the Royal Air Force, successfully to counter attacks by weapons of a familiar kind but of greatly improved efficiency, and against weapons which have so far not been used at sea."

About one-half of the increases arises from additional liability, chiefly improvements in naval and civilian improvements, exhaustion of war stocks and higher prices. The remainder represents additional provision to maintain and improve the state of readiness of the fleet in particular for refitting ships in reserve for the replacement of essential stocks.

Provision is made for a maximum strength of 153,000 for the Royal Navy, Marines and auxiliary services, with 1,400 Royal Marine police. This figure includes 7,200 for the Women's Royal Naval Service and 300 for the Queen Alexandra Royal Naval Nursing Service. It also includes at the maximum approximately 5,000 men and women on release leave and some 3,000 local entrants abroad.—Reuter.

## Position Of S. Africa Stronger

Capetown, February 21.

South Africa's position in regard to the Territory of South-West Africa was "stronger than ever," Mr. Eric Louw, the Economic Affairs Minister, said today. He was speaking in the Assembly on the bill to give South-West Africa representation in the Union Parliament.

The United Nations Charter imposed no obligation on the Union to put South-West Africa under mandate or to recognise the authority of the United Nations, he said. The idea that South Africa was legally obliged to submit to a trusteeship agreement was disappearing or dead.

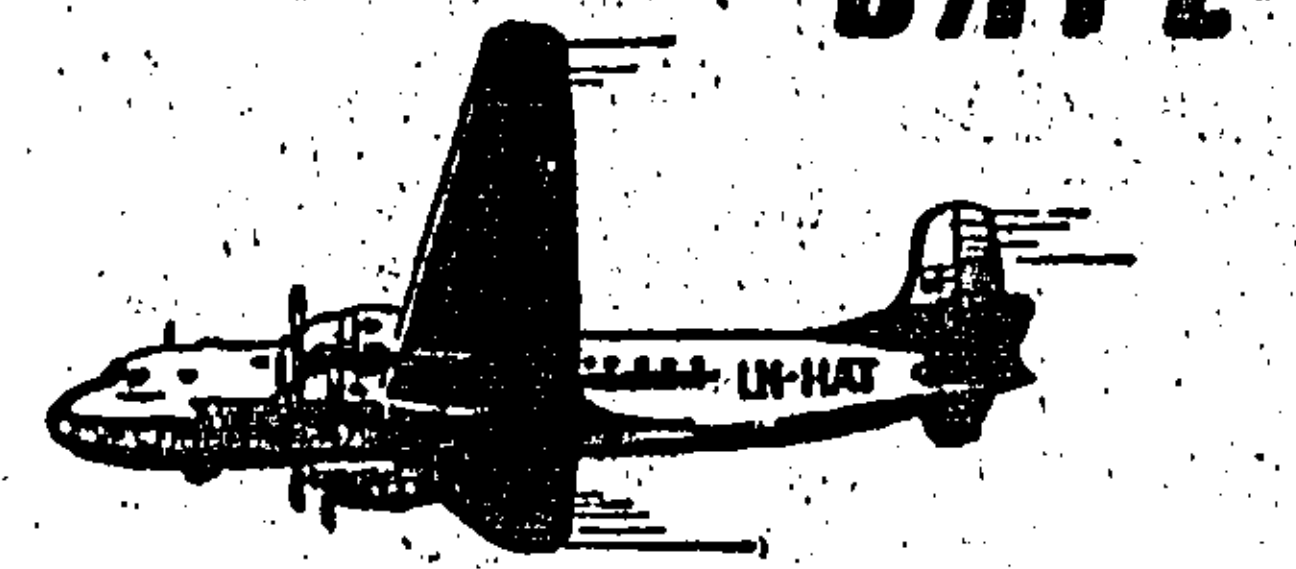
Mr. Louw said the Nationalist Party's standpoint was that with the death of the League of Nations—under which South-West Africa was mandated to South Africa—the Union was not obliged to ask United Nations permission to incorporate South-West Africa into the Union.

Mr. Louw said he agreed with the Opposition leader, General Jan Smuts, that the bill would be the end of the South-West African question as an international issue. It would still remain the Union's duty to administer the Territory in the spirit of the original mandate.—Reuter.

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## Communist Sympathies Alleged

Washington, February 21.

Senator Harry Cain today alleged that Mr. Mong Wallgren alleged his State offices with Communists and Communist sympathisers when he (Wallgren) was Governor of Washington.

Senator Cain told the Senate Armed Services Committee that Mr. Wallgren had personally appointed at least one known Communist to head the State Social Security Board. He named the man as Mr. John Coughlin.

The Committee is considering President Truman's nomination of Mr. Wallgren to head the National Security Resources Board, major defence agency charged with preparing plans for total mobilisation in case of war.

Republican members of the Committee were disturbed by Senator Cain's charges, particularly when he claimed he could prove everything he said. Senator Wayne Morse said: "If you can show this man was soft on the appointment of Communists, then I won't vote for him."—United Press.

## Administration Of Colonies

London, February 21.

The former Italian colonies of Cyrenaica and Tripolitania are in future to be administered by the Foreign Office instead of the War Office, Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State, told Parliament today.

Replying to a question about the future administration of the former Italian colonies, Mr. McNeill said: "These territories have, since their liberation, been the administrative responsibility of the Secretary of War. In view of the large degree of civilianisation which has taken place, particularly in the administration of Cyrenaica and Tripolitania, it has been decided that it would be more logical that the administrative responsibility for these two territories should be transferred to the Foreign Secretary."

"The future of the administrations in Eritrea and the former Italian Somaliland is still under consideration."—Reuter.

## S. Korean Application

Lake Success, February 21.

The Republic of Southern Korea has applied for associate membership of the United Nations Commission for Asia and the Far East. In a letter to the United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie, the Korean Foreign Minister has asked the Economic and Social Council to consider the application during its present session.

Associate members of the Commission can participate, without voting, in all meetings and are eligible as members of any organ of the Commission.

Hong Kong, Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, Laos and the Malayan Union are associate members.—Reuter.

## United States Africa Forecast

London, February 21.

The eventual emency of a United States of Africa, embodying the Western Union's African territories, was forecast today by Colonial Office sources.

Studying proposals for a Central African Federation, the sources said the Victoria Falls conference envisaged a Federal union which was "likely to commend itself to African opinion and to the Colonial Office."

They referred to proposals for a Union of North and South Rhodesia and Nyasaland in a Central African Union.

They said this would probably be followed by similar proposals to unify Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika as an East African Union, and the West African colonies to form a Western African Union.

The sources then said: "The next step would be federation of these three new unions with the Union of South Africa, and finally, with the progress of the Western Union in Europe, would come federation with the French, Belgian and Portuguese territories to form a United States of Africa."

Advantage To Europe  
They said integration of these African territories would be an

immense advantage to Europe and the Western Union's overseas territories.

"In particular, Europe and Africa would become a cohesive area from the viewpoint both of defence and economics. It is a vast new area which could be aptly called 'EurAfrica'."

They described Africa as an indispensable communications line connecting with Ceylon, Malaya and Australia, which at the same time provides Europe with defence in depth in the event of a major war. They also said the envisaged federation would possess "potential manpower which to some extent would take the place once filled by the Indian Army and providing for an Army capable of expansion for modern war."—United Press.

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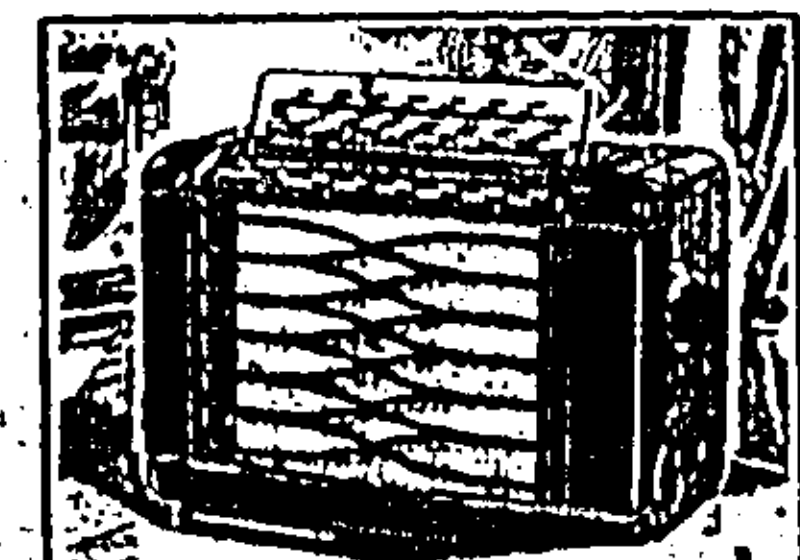
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# Woman Today

## THREE SMART BLOUSES



Blouses provide a priceless opportunity to ring the changes in present fashions. They can be the keynote of any ensemble, from early morning to late at night. Sketched are three ideas suitable for the younger woman. Left: coin spot silk with a turtle neck and three-quarter sleeves, the neck and shoulders outlined with rick-rack braid. Centre: White rayon crepe made on shirt-waist lines, finished with a double file of gold buttons, convertible collar and three-quarter sleeves. Right: Striped cotton in more feminine design, beruffled at the throat, cuffs and deep V-yoke.

## Beauty Secrets

By Claudia

My recent article on some of the most common mistakes in applying make-up has brought a number of enquiries about several kinds of make-up problems.

It is, after all, the many little "tricks of the trade" which are so well worth the trouble of finding out. There is no secret about them, except, perhaps, the knack of learning and remembering. But they do help us to get the very best out of our beauty aids and preparations.

Some may seem small points, indeed... but each one makes a big difference to the finished "you".

How to achieve that porcelain look, the pearly glow which makes your complexion something quite out of this world? Simply wear a lighter powder over a darker tint of foundation. Try it and see.

Powder secret... dab some powder on to the palm of your hand. Now spread your hand open and see how the powder has emphasised every line in the palm.

That, on a mild scale, is what often happens to the face. If you have lines at the corners of mouth or eyes, see that, when powdering, you hold them open, very gently, with the fingers of the other hand.

...so that you powder into the lines, as well as over them.

### Eye Care Routine

Eye secret... three things to know about eye care and make-up. Two combine to make a routine for sparse lashes. If your lashes

are too few, you can choose from a number of well-known eyelash growers, but you will not find anything to beat plain castor oil. Smear a trace over the lids by day and over the lashes too, at night. A two ounce bottle will last for ages.

Now the make-up for sparse lashes. Of course, if you have plenty of time and money, you can go all-out and fit yourself with false ones. Meanwhile, there's a simple way of making those scanty lashes look twice as thick and three times as handsome. Just powder them thickly before you apply mascara! Then put on three coats, letting each coat dry before applying the next.

To give the eyes a special shine and lustre for some very special occasion, you can get a tiny bottle of quite harmless drops. With each bottle goes a little dropper. One drop in each eye will enhance their beauty amazingly.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC TEXTILES



A new textile printing technique by which photographs are used in conjunction with the silk screen process has been invented in Australia by textile designer Gerald Harbit, of Prestige Ltd., Melbourne. The Phototex process is similar to that used in making blocks for newspaper photographs. A half-tone negative of the photograph to be reproduced is made with a process camera.

A piece of bolting silk is then sensitised in the same way as a block of metal is sensitised to make block for a newspaper photograph. Then the half-tone negative is printed on to the sensitised silk and developed.

This gives the photographic effect on the silk screen. The design is then printed on the fabric by the normal silk screen method. Mr. Harbit has also successfully printed continuous tone negatives on textiles, the method in this case being to sensitise the textiles themselves and print the design photographically. He finds the Phototex method cheaper and more practical, and considers that its stipple effect is more suited to the textile medium.

Most of the early Phototex designs featured portraits, but landscapes have also been used effectively. One design features a Swiss mountain landscape. Trees, mountain, sky and stream are reproduced in detail with delicate gradations of tone, making a rich and attractive design.

When production is in full swing, orders will be accepted for dress-length reproducing personal photographs; it should be possible to reproduce portraits of an entire family of 10 or 12 members on the same dress length.

## Paris Problems

Although France to most people means Paris, and Paris is synonymous with clothes, it is curious that as an industry high-class cutting does not count much in the economic life of France. Mr. Marshall's European Recovery Plan is hardly concerned with it at all. It is an industry employing comparatively little labour, the profits of which are turned back into the business. But it has two invaluable functions—it attracts the tourists and is a shop window for the textile trade.

France's important exporting industries are textiles (which include carpets, ties, and all those sorts of thing), steel, iron, paper, food. So it was bitter for her when Mr. Bevin, who should have known better, mistook the influence of French luxury for French industry and said in effect that France wished "Britain" to abandon her austerity programme and buy luxury goods from her.

Mr. Strachey, too, misinformedly, told the House that all France wished to sell us in the way of food was fable gras and champagne. It is important for France that one should keep pointing out that it is sustaining food and wool that she wishes to sell Britain, and that her reputation for being the capital of luxury, though true, gives a false impression.

### Priests of Luxury

And if Dior, Schiaparelli, and the rest are the high priests of luxury they also preach the importance of making necessity more interesting.

Edward Molyneux, blinking sadly in the nervous way he has, tells you: "What irritates one is the attitude (of most Englishmen) that attractive clothes are luxurious frillery. I don't see them like that at all. I see them as a necessary part of domestic life—a means of enhancing a woman for man—to stimulate his affection for her—to help in what I can only call 'creation'."

It was Bernard Shaw who said: "Sex appeal lies in clothes." And as a direct result of this, in the mid-thirties, C. B. Cochran announced: "I am going to make

### FASHION NOTE FROM BRITAIN

Britain is a land of traditions and one of the traditions which are invariably surprises visitors to London is the way in which both sexes wear full evening dress whenever possible.

People wishing to eat in some of the smartest restaurants are sometimes a little pained when they are courteously informed that, as they are not in evening clothing, the restaurant is closed to them although they will be very welcome in the grill-room. The idea behind this regulation is not as pointless as it might seem, for there is a good deal to be said for a great room in which every woman is beautifully dressed and with an exquisitely coiffured head and jewels sparkling on her bare neck and wrists, while the men form a perfect foil in immaculate black and white. And if it does nothing more, it ensures that dressing rarely falls below a high standard.

All of which adds interest to the fact that the London dress designers are doing their best to popularise that which the French call the fin-de-journee gown, which means that it is likely to have long sleeves, a décolletage cut low only in front, and a skirt which is about ankle-length; even more important from the point of view of the restaurateur—who bans such things—is the elaborate hat worn with this outfit. For reasons which probably date back to the time when evening hats were often a yard across and laden with masses of trimmings and feathers—and as such a great trial to waiters—restaurant managers made a rule, never since broken, that hats should not be worn with evening gowns.

Up to now no one has made them retreat, although in years gone by there were several attempts. We shall see if the newest campaign succeeds.

my young ladies more attractive than ever—instead of undressing them—I'm going to dress them! And if sex appeal is a necessary part of domestic life and sex appeal lies in clothes—whatever view Englishmen take—then Paris is still the fountain-head of high-class cutting—the capital of clothes.

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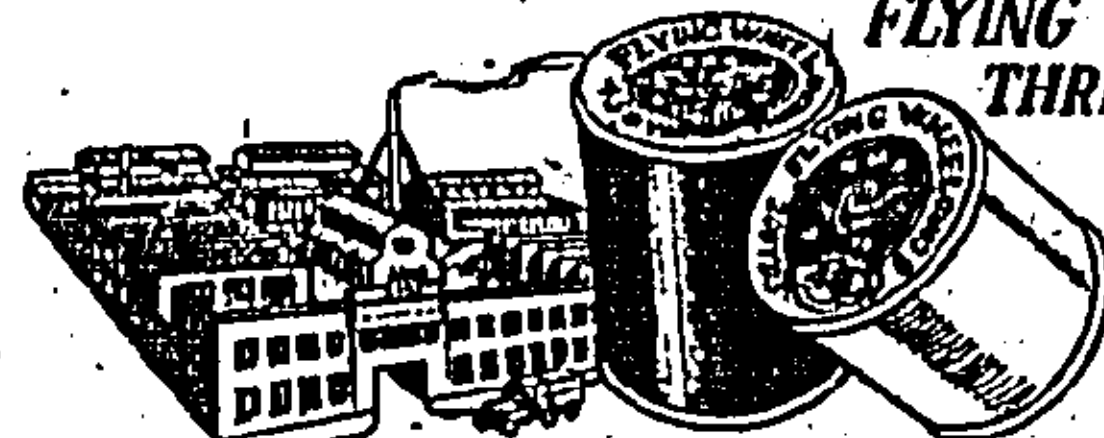
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# CHANGE IN JAPAN POLICY NOT DISCUSSED

London, February 21.

The British Government has received no representations from the United States Government with a view to changing the Allied policy over the occupation of Japan, Mr. Hector McNeil, Minister of State, told Parliament today.

He was replying to a question by a Labour Member, Mr. Raymond Blackburn. He also said, in reply to another question, that in view of the divergence of opinions on the composition and voting procedure of a Japanese peace conference, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, knew of no useful initiative that could be taken at present for a conference.

Neither did he at present contemplate any step towards the early resumption of direct relations between Britain and the Government of Japan.

Mr. William Teeling, Conservative, had asked what were the procedural difficulties blocking progress towards a peace treaty with Japan and what was being done to overcome them. He also asked if the Foreign Secretary would consider devising some other instrument which would enable Japanese reparations and debts to be decided finally and liquidated and to enable the British Government to deal directly with the elected Japanese Government on trade and other matters vitally concerning Britain and Japan.

## Differences Noted

Mr. McNeil replied: "There are differences among the powers concerned as to the composition and voting procedure of a Japanese peace conference. By far the most important of these arises from the insistence of the Soviet Union that the Far Eastern settlement is primarily a matter for consideration by the Council of Foreign Ministers."

"The British Government, on the other hand, consider that the countries which actually carried the burden of the combat against the Japanese, and in particular the Commonwealth countries and Burma, should rank equally with the major powers in the drafting of the treaty."

"In view of the divergence of these opinions, the Foreign Secretary knows of no useful initiative that could be taken at present. With regard to reparations, this and the closely-related question of Japan's future level of industry are subjects for consideration by the Far Eastern Commission, where our repre-

## Conference On Indonesia Hailed

New York, February 21.

Mr. Carlos Romulo today predicted that the recent New Delhi conference on Indonesia would be the "forerunner of many other similar conferences aimed at promoting the welfare of countries represented in the interests of world peace and security."

Mr. Romulo, Philippine delegate to the United Nations, represented his country at the New Delhi conference, which he emphasised, acted strictly within the framework of the United Nations.

In a BBC radio interview, Mr. Romulo said, "The conference very wisely confined itself to consideration of the problem of Indonesia. Many delegates, however, looked beyond it to the formation of a permanent organisation—a regional association strictly within the framework of the UN... the success of the conference demonstrated in a dramatic manner the strength of the new spirit of unity animating Asia, the intensity of their concern over common interests and the feasibility of concerted action to achieve their common aims."

## Regional Groups

"One of the most important post-war trends is increasing reliance on regional groups in the pursuit of the elusive goals of security and peace. We have an inter-American union, a Slav bloc, an association of Arab States, and the West European bloc is now being enlarged into the Atlantic Union. The logic of events fully justifies the formation of a regional association of Asian nations..."

"Together with political liberty, Asia must have the means to achieve economic self-sufficiency, without which freedom cannot flourish. The West must cease to regard Asia as an economic preserve fit only for exploitation. Asia must have economic as well as political independence. Asia is in the throes of a revolutionary change that is bound to influence profoundly the course of history. Powerful social and economic forces have been unleashed. Under their insistent pressure the old order is giving way. A new Asia is emerging and taking shape before our eyes. It is a strong, dynamic Asia, assertive of its rights, that now stands at the crossroads. It demands and deserves equal partnership with the West in building a better world. This new Asia, which demonstrated in New Delhi its strength, its maturity, its newly-forged unity and its devotion to the ideals of justice and peace, awaits the response of the West. Upon the answer may depend not only the fate of Asia but of the whole world."—United Press.

## General On Smedley Case

Tokyo, February 21.

Major General Charles Willoughby, General Douglas MacArthur's intelligence chief, announced tonight that he would not claim immunity in any legal action which might be taken by Miss Agnes Smedley, the American writer who has been accused of being a Soviet spy.

Major General Willoughby said in a special statement that he was not responsible for the release of a report from the United States Army Headquarters in Tokyo which told a sensational story of a Russian spy ring which was said to have lured the Japanese Cabinet and the German Embassy in Tokyo of secrets which helped turn the tide of war.

Miss Smedley, who spent more than 12 years in the Far East, was alleged to have been connected with this pre-war ring, led by a German journalist, Dr. Richard Sorge.

Major General Willoughby said he would welcome action against him as an American citizen so as to emphasize the "ticking clock" which threatened American civilisation in subversive systems hiding behind and protected by free institutions."—Reuter.

## ACCIDENTS IN ITALIAN STRIKE

Rome, February 21.

A nationwide transport strike forced an estimated 1,500,000 workers to walk to their jobs in Italy today and caused nearly 1,000 minor accidents in Rome alone.

The strike was called by the Communist-controlled Secondary Railway, Trolley and Bus Workers Union to protest against the government move to lay off workers. The walkout affected provincial railways and trolley and bus services in cities and towns.

—United Press.

## Philippines Seek Additional U.S. Aid

Washington, February 22.

Francisco Delgado, a Philippine War Damage Commissioner, said yesterday he hopes the U.S. Congress will grant the Philippines an additional US\$400,000,000 to US\$800,000,000 this session for further reimbursement of island war losses.

The Commission at present is disbursing US\$510,000,000 granted the Republic by the United States for payment of public and private war losses.

However, Delgado said in an interview, "This fund will pay only about one-third the value of claims already established."

Delgado said Philippine President Elpidio Quirino "hopes to come to Washington soon, and I believe obtaining additional United States authorisations for island war losses will be one of his principal objectives."

Delgado said President Harry Truman has assured him of his "sympathetic interest" toward additional funds for the Philippines.

He said that if Congress grants an additional US\$400,000,000 "rehabilitation of these claims will have been accomplished on a practicable basis, while of US\$800,000,000 extra is obtained, complete reimbursement of losses will be made."

In testimony before the House Committee on request for US\$180,000,000 to finance claims payments during the coming fiscal year, Delgado said, vari-

## THE NINETIETH INSTALLMENT

# CRUSADE IN EUROPE

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's Own Story Of The War In Europe

In any event the Berlin record of those late summer and early autumn months of 1945 represents the peak of postwar cordiality and co-operation that we were ever able to achieve with the Soviet officials. In broader fields, on highest levels, misunderstandings continued to grow and these were inevitably reflected in the local German scene. It is possible, also, that this process worked in reverse.

Americans at that time—or at least we in Berlin—saw no reason why the Russian system of government and democracy as practiced by the Western Allies could not live side by side in the world, provided each respected the rights, the territory, and the convictions of the other, and each system avoided overt or covert action against the integrity of the other. Because implicit in Western democracy is respect for the rights of others, it seemed natural to us that this "live and let live" type of agreement could be achieved and honestly kept. That was probably the most for which we ever really hoped. But even such a purely practical basis for living together in the world has not been achieved.

What caused the change—not necessarily in the realm of ultimate purpose but definitely in the apparent desire for a pragmatic approach to co-operation—may possibly never be clearly understood by any of us. But two and one-half years of growing tension have shattered our dream of rapid progress toward universal peace and the elimination of armaments. Seriously and soberly, aware of our strengths and our weaknesses, sure of our moral rectitude, we must address ourselves to the new tensions that beset the world. The implications of the failure to eliminate aggression and to co-operate effectively are as full of meaning for the world as were the dictatorial and arbitrary acts in the late 1930s of Hitler, Mussolini, and Hirohito. The name of every small country of Eastern Europe is a reminder to us of the last objectives so bravely stated in the Atlantic Charter.

even before Pearl Harbor Day. Fear, doubt, and confusion are the portion of those who fought and won the war with the fervent prayer that at last this was the war to end wars.

Volumes have been, and more volumes will be, written on the collapse of world co-operation and the true significance of the events, that accompanied the tragedy. For us, all their words will amplify one simple truth. Freedom from fear and injustice and oppression will be ours only in the measure that men who value such freedom are ready to sustain its possession—to defend it against every threat from within or without.

The compelling necessities of the moment leave us no alternative to the maintenance of real and respectable strength—not only in our moral rectitude and our economic power, but in terms of adequate military preparedness. To neglect this, pending universal resurgence of a definite spirit of co-operation, is not only foolish, it is criminally stupid. Moreover, present-day weakness will alarm our friends, earn the contempt of others, and virtually eliminate any influence of ours toward peaceful adjustment of world problems. The lessons of 1914 and 1939 remain valid as long as the world must contend with the tenuity of making competitive force the final arbiter of human questions.

Military preparedness alone is an inadequate answer to the problem. Communism inspires and enables its militant preachers to exploit injustices and inequities among men. This ideology appeals, not to the Italian or Frenchman or Soviet American as such, but to men as human beings who become desperate in the attempt to satisfy common human needs. Therein it possesses a profound power for expansion. Wherever popular discontent is founded on group oppression or mass poverty or the hunger of children, there Communism may stage an offensive that arms cannot counter. Discontent can be fanned into revolution, and revolution into social chaos. The sequel is dictatorial rule. Against such tactics exclusive reliance on military might is vain.

The areas in which freedom flourishes will continue to shrink unless the supporters of democracy reach Communist fanaticism with clear and common understanding that the freedom of men is at stake; most Communist-regimented unity with the voluntary unity of common purpose, even though this may mean a sacrifice of some measure of nationalistic pretensions; and, above all, annual Communist appeals to the hungry, the poor, the oppressed, with practical measures untiringly prosecuted for the elimination of social and economic evils that set men against men.

As a world force, democracy is supported by nations that too much and too often act alone, each for itself alone. Nowhere perfect, in many regions democracy is actually weak because the separation of national sovereignty insidiously prevents the logical pooling of resources, which would produce greater material prosperity within and multiplied strength for defence. Such division may mean ideological conquest.

The democracies must learn that the world is now too small for the rigid concepts of national sovereignty that developed in a time when the nations were self-sufficient and self-dependent for their own well-being and safety. None of them today can stand alone. No radical surrender of national sovereignty is required—only a firm agreement that in disputes between nations a central and joint agency, after examina-

tion of the facts, shall decide the justice of the case by majority vote and thereafter shall have the power and the means to enforce its decision. This is a slight restriction indeed on nationalism and a small price to pay if thereby the peoples who stand for human liberty are better fitted to settle dissension within their own ranks or to meet attack from without.

Here is the true, long-term assurance that democracy may flourish in the world. Physical means and skillful organisation may see it safely through a crisis, but only if basically the democracy of our day satisfies the mental, moral, and physical wants of the masses living under it can it continue to exist.

We believe individual liberty, rooted in human dignity, is man's greatest treasure. We believe that men, given free expression of their will, prefer freedom and self-dependence to dictatorship and collectivism. From the evidence, it would appear that the Communist leaders also believe this; else why do they attack and attempt to destroy the practice of those concepts? Were they completely confident in the rectitude and appeal of their own doctrine, there would be no necessity for them to follow an aggressive policy. Time would be the only ally they needed if Communism as a spiritual force and moral inspiration appealed more to mankind than do individual rights and liberties. We who saw Europe liberated know that the Communist fear that men will cling to freedom is well founded. It is possible that this truth may be the reason for what appears to be an aggressive intent on the part of the Communists to tear down all governmental structures based upon individual freedom.

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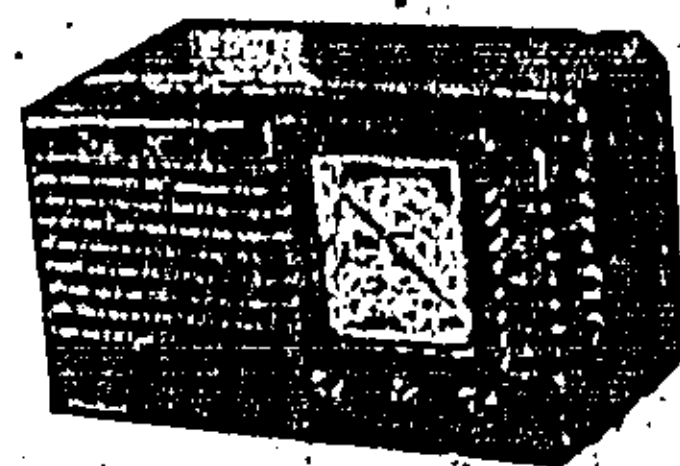
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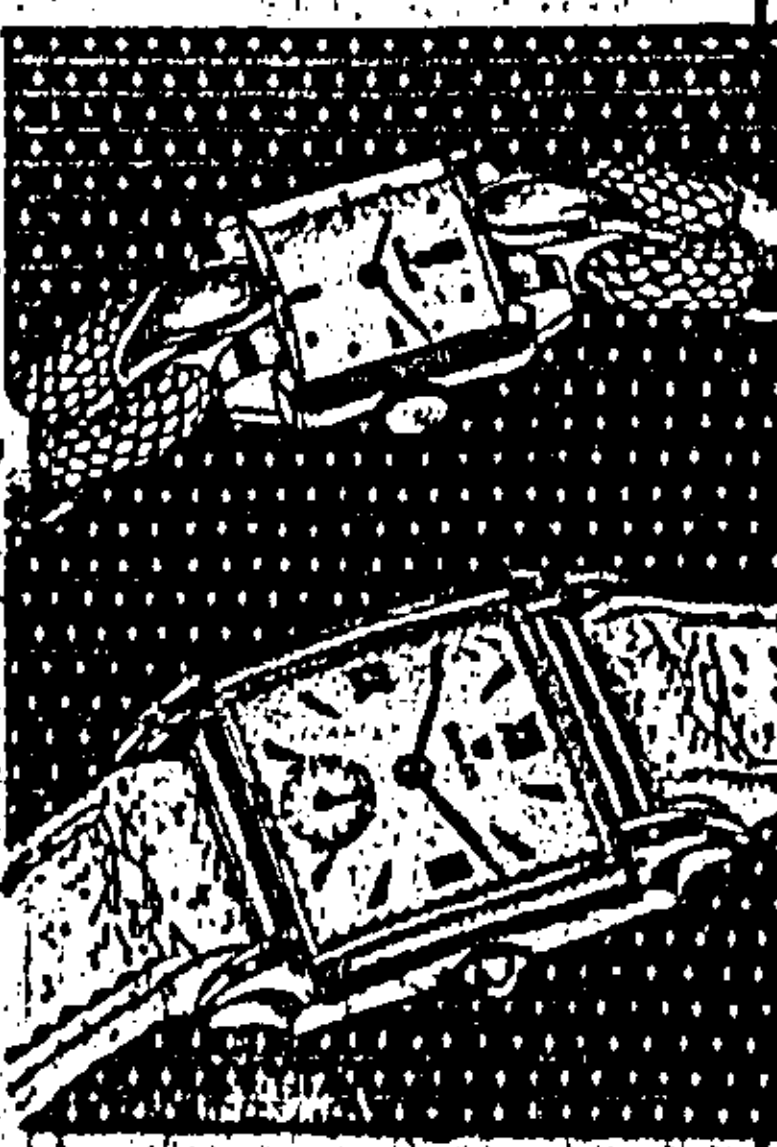
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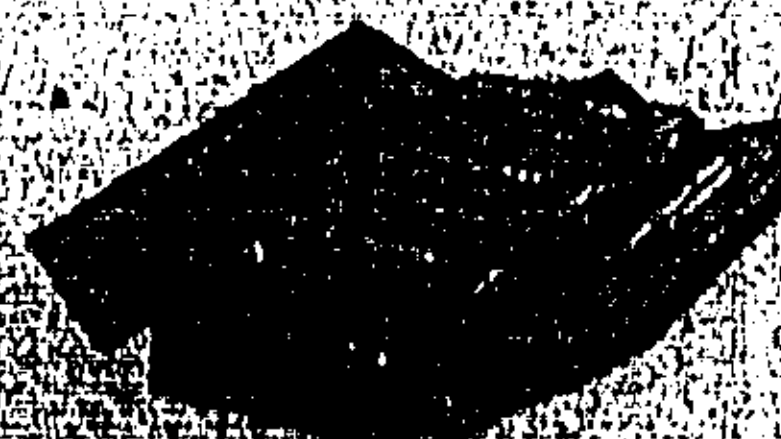
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## The Universal Hero —Bing Crosby

Without exception, the most colourful, successful and sincere personality to emerge from Hollywood—not because of but despite its flourish of ballyhoo—is Bing Crosby, the man with a voice, a heart, a universal following, a pretty wife, four sons, and above all, some 20 years of happy married life.

Topping all his 18 years of achievements meaning and growing over the air, into the wax works and out of celluloid, is his Oscar rewarding portrayal of Father O'Malley in Leo McCarey's "Going My Way," filmed during the war.

Bing, christened Harry Lissis, was born in Tacoma, Washington, but when he was five, the family—eight children—emigrated to Spokane, also in Washington.

Bing was independent. When a boy, rather than ask his parents for movie money, he'd work his fingers to the bone delivering papers, mowing lawns, running errands, and it is believed, even caddyding.

The Crosbys are Irish and Catholics. After high school, Bing entered the Lutz Gonzaga University, run by Irish Jesuits, in which institution today are several Hong Kong boys, graduates of the Lutz Gonzaga College in Macao during the war.

Bing's mother had hoped that Bing would follow the priesthood. But when his interest turned to Law she was equally pleased. In Gonzaga, however, Bing learned to play a little football, sang a little in the glee club and finally bought himself a set of drums and subsequently was out of law school.

It is not known whether it was the drums and the rhythm he learned from them, that interfered with his law studies or the other way round. Even Bing himself, is not certain. Music which he had also studied in Gonzaga, had come into his life which was to make him the institution that we know of today.

Bing left Spokane in 1925 and headed for Hollywood, fame, and Dixie Lee, his blonde wife, and Phil, Gary, Linny and Dennis, his four sons.

When Bing met Dixie he was one of the Rhythm Boys in the Coconut Grove and she was an up and coming musical star.

He was, and still is, one of those very casual types. But so much so in those days, he used to get into the habit of making dates but never keeping them. When he phoned one day and told Dixie's friend that he wanted to meet Dixie somewhere, she blew up. "You can tell that guy I don't go anywhere to meet anybody—especially him."

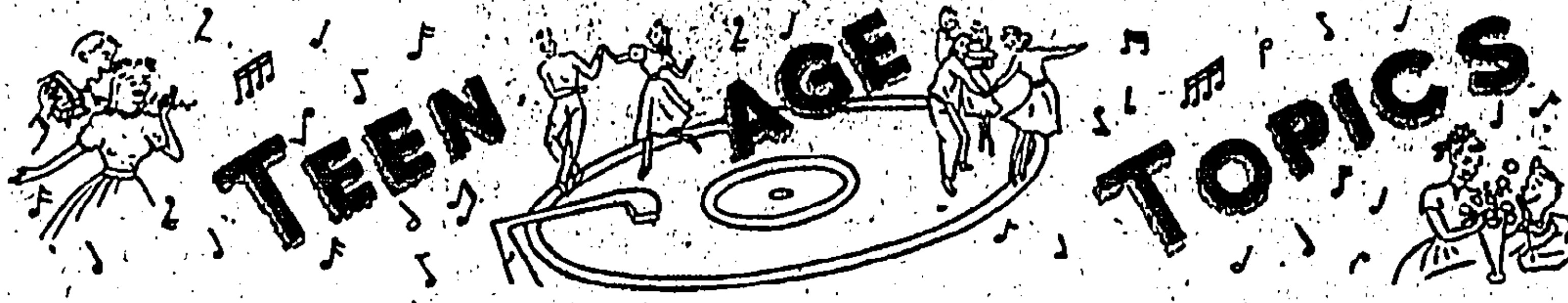
But Bing was as determined as he was casual and humorous. He called again and like a gentleman said please. He didn't overdo it though, for before the evening was over he told Dixie "You know my phone number. Call me up."

"I've got news for you," Dixie snapped. "I never call anybody up. That was how they fell in love. And when Bing kept persistently singing to Dixie over the phone 'I Surrender Dear,' it was she in the end who surrendered. They were married a few months later, in September 1930.

Bing's charitable work is enormous. He sponsors a scholarship for poor-but gifted inventors.

About the Hope-Crosby friendship everybody knows. Of Frankie Sinatra, Bing says, "Frankie is my favourite male singer. He's great!"

His four sons (Irishers, Bing calls them) disagree though. Gary says, "Sinatra's good, but the way we feel about it, sings for girls. Pop, now, he's got a voice that men like."



## PERSONALITY

This week we have a teen ager from the Braves football team, Carlos d'Almeida. Born in 1931, Carlos is keen only in what he terms as "sweet swing and music that has a tune to it." His favourite band leader is Glenn Miller, his tune, "At Last" by Glenn.

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## Platter Chatter

Looking Ahead

New chimp, Barbara Cameron is reputed to possess the ability to emote with much feeling. Her records include: Two Loves Have I; I Love You, Yes I Do; What'll I Do—Love's Pretend.

Harry James has pretty Marion Morgan doing the vocals. If her voice is as lovely as her face the platter just released should sell well. It's called: Ah, But It Happens.

A former Les Brown singer, cute Doris Day is one of the stars of the forthcoming picture Romance on the High Seas. Two of her records, It's Magic and Love Somebody made the hit parade. Her latest waxings are duets with Buddy Clark: My Darling, My Darling; That Certain Party. If You Will. Marry Me; You Was.

Les Brown now has Eileen Wilson singing for him and material chosen is the old tune: Oh, How I Miss You Tonight backed with Just One Of Those Things.

Patty Andrews (one of the Soeurs) joined Bob Crosby, Bing's brother, for a likely hit, The Pussy Cat Song.

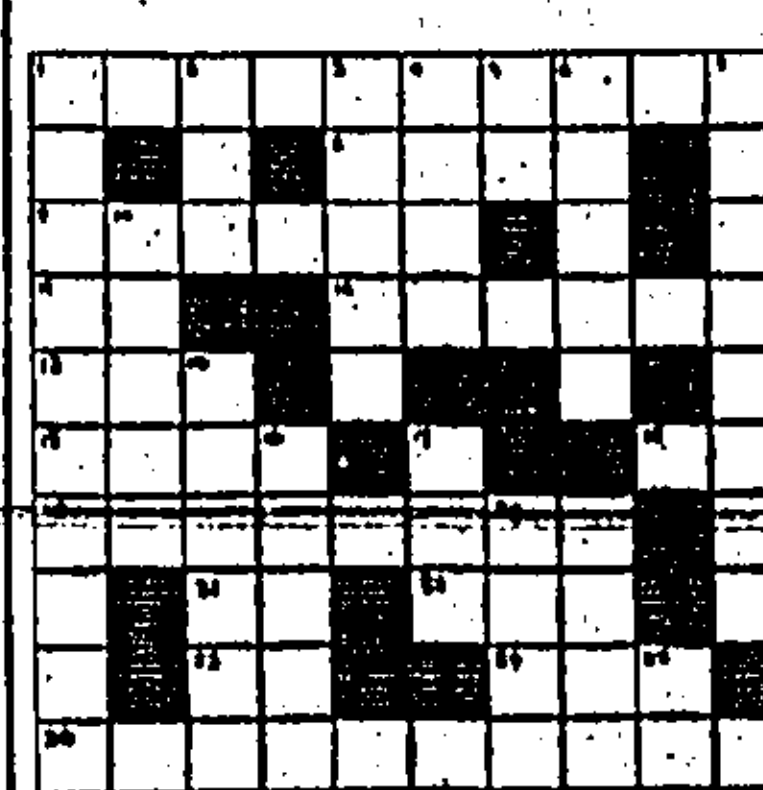
Far Away Places is destined to be one of the year's leading melodies judging from the number of solists who have waxed this tune: Bing Crosby, Dinah Shore and Perry Como.

Other tunes attracting a good deal of attention are: Lavender Blue; So Tired; You Were Only Foolin'; A Little Bird Told Me and Powder Your Face with Sunshine.

England, Canada and the U.S. are in complete accord. All three countries have Bullets and Bows as the number one song with Dinah Shore's version as the best seller. Other English favourites are: When You're in Love; My Happiness and Cuanto Lo Gusta.

Decca has Carmen Miranda teamed up with the Andrews

## Prize Crossword



Across.

1. Tropical fruit.
2. Ready to be reaped.
3. A feeling.
12. Confidential.
13. Part of man's attire.
15. Fast of ride.
19. A spice.
21. Telegraphic transfer.
22. Part of the foot.
24. Little.
25. Enclosed.

Down.

1. Goes through.
2. For fishing.
3. Got up.
4. A tree.
6. To mock.
7. Give penalty.
10. It smells.
14. Newspaper boss.
16. An organic salt.
17. Verb (past tense).
20. Opposite of up.

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Denny Dennis takes the vocals on Tommy Dorsey's promising numbers How Many Tears May Fall and Down By the Station. You are luckier than I if you managed to obtain Bing's Gaiety Bay and My Girl's an Irish Girl. The Three Suns are out on Moonlight Romance and You, You Are the One.

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## Additional Charges Preferred

Ball of \$200,000 was suggested by Inspector Moore in the case of an alleged swindle by two men and two women involving a sum of \$300,000, at Central yesterday.

Ten additional charges, five for larceny by means of a trick and five for conspiracy, were preferred against Shui Chu-wan, alias Miles Lee before Mr. F.X. d'Almada.

The other three defendants, Ng Yau-ling, a woman, Tang Pak-ho and Yeung Su, were additionally charged with two counts each of larceny by means of a trick and conspiracy.

Miles Lee will be defended by Mr. A. de Silva and the other defendants by Mr. A.S.C. Comber.

When the question of bail was raised by Mr. Silva and Inspector Moore suggested \$200,000, Mr. Silva said that the ball was too high and quoted the "Extradition case."

Inspector Moore asked for a week's remand, but Mr. Silva suggested three days, which was granted by the magistrate.

## Lecture At Lusitano

The second in a series of weekly lectures on British Constitutional History was delivered by Mr. Brook Bernachi yesterday at the Club Lusitano.

The series is arranged by the British Council. The auditorium was filled to capacity, mostly by students and University undergraduates.

Speaking on the growth of the British Parliament, Mr. Bernachi traced the events from the days of the Tudors to the present time.

His audience was informed of the many changes in the British system brought about by the various economic and political reforms.

The lecture was accompanied by lantern slides depicting the important events of the old days and cartoons of the time.

The next in the series which will be on the present method of the British Government, will be given by Mr. Bernachi on Tuesday.

## FOUR-MONTH-OLD INCIDENT CLOSED

A four-month old incident in which a motor driver, Ho Yun Kin, received four cut wounds came for final hearing before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

In the dock was Chau Kwok Hung alias Kwok Hei alias Chau Bung Doo, aged 22, charged with causing grievous bodily harm.

Convicting him on both charges, the magistrate imposed on the defendant a sentence of three months imprisonment on each charge, and expulsion.

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## Gunner Gets 3 Months For Spell Of Crime

On the morning of February 9, Raymond Paul Britton, aged 21, a gunner of the 25th Field Regiment, 93rd Battery, went to the Repulse Bay Hotel. He was dressed in civilian clothing and there he wanted to see the Manager of the Hotel, Mr. Olevinsky.

He told the Manager that he wanted to have a room at the hotel and said he had obtained a post as pilot in the Cathay Pacific Airways. He said the remaining members of the staff were staying at a certain hotel in Kowloon and as there was no room there, he wanted a room at the Repulse Bay Hotel.

Mr. Olevinsky gave him a room and Britton offered to pay in advance. But the manager told him that he could pay afterwards.

Britton signed his name at the hotel register as Christopher Paul Larson. The same day Britton met a man named Turner, and they became very friendly. They had several games of table tennis and had a walk to Aberdeen.

On the morning of February 11, Britton told Turner that he had to interview his boss and at the same time he was waiting for money which is being sent to him. Britton managed to get a loan of \$50 from Turner and also some clothing.

## A Warrant Issued

Later however, on the morning of the following day, a report was made to the police and on February 14 a warrant was issued for Britton's arrest.

On February 15, Britton was arrested at the Cathay Hotel by the Military Police and taken back to the barracks at Gun Club Hill.

On January 23, Britton became friendly with a Mr. Watson at the Peninsula Hotel. Mr. Watson told Britton that his radio was not in working order. Britton took the radio to the barracks and had it fixed. The next morning he sold the radio for \$50. The radio was valued at \$300.

A ransom, the property of Mr. Turner was handed over to the boy at the Lido Dance Hall for the sum of six dollars. Britton said that he would come back the next day for it.

Britton was charged before Mr. F. d'Almada at Central yesterday with larceny by means of a trick, the sum of \$50 and clothing the property of Mr. J. T. Turner at the Repulse Bay Hotel; obtaining \$105.00 credit by fraud from the manager of the Repulse Bay Hotel, giving false information by signing his name as C.P. Larson at the Repulse Bay Hotel Register and with larceny by bailor of a radio set the property of Mr. John F. Watson.

## Absent Without Permission

An officer of Britton's regiment told the court that defendant had been with the regiment for three months and with the exception of being absent without permission, Britton had behaved well.

Britton said that he was sorry for what he had done and that if he could repay the people he would like to do so.

Inspector Cochrane prosecuted and said that the property have been recovered.

Britton was sentenced to three months.

A remand of three days was granted on the application of Inspector Lowe by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday when Jaap Herman Van Gelderen, aged 21, was charged under the common law of attempted suicide by taking poison on February 20.

## Refresher Course For Former HKVDC Officers

A refresher course for former officers and senior NCO's will be started next month. Former for this course will be sent out today, it was revealed by Volunteer Headquarters.

The course will be open not only to those who have already re-enrolled for the Defence Force, but also to those who have not yet done so.

It is expected that about 100 will be taking course.

Enlistments for the Defence Force up to yesterday were slightly short of 1,000. Those for the other services are about 700.

A recruiting official said yesterday that between 35 and 40 percent of those who had signed up for the Defence Force were Europeans.

"Old Volunteers who have so far joined up are only about 25 percent of the total, but we expect the majority of them will come along," the "China Mail" was told.

## CHARGED WITH LOITERING

Two Chinese women, charged with loitering at Bowling Street, Kowloon, was convicted by Mr. A. D. Scholes yesterday.

Detective Sub-Inspector Dow said that he saw defendants stop rickshaws carrying some Norwegian seamen. The women then engaged the men in conversation and shortly afterwards, were leading them away when he made the arrest.

First defendant was fined \$100 for three months. The second, \$250 or three months.

A meeting to settle the much-disputed issue of compensation between survivors of the ill-fated Portuguese freighter Masbate and the owners, with the Portuguese Consul General, Dr. Eduardo Brazao, as arbitrator, will be held tomorrow at the Consulate.

## Committal Proceedings Continuing

A Chinese, Wong Yu-cheung, aged 27, unemployed and with no fixed address, was charged before Mr. A. D. Scholes yesterday with being in possession of arms and demanding money with menace at Sheung-shui, New Territories, between December 18 and 30 last year.

Committal proceedings are being conducted against him, directed by Detective Sub-Inspector Mackenzie, attached to the CID, Talpo.

Defendant is alleged to be a member of an armed gang that operated in the Sheung-shui district about that time.

Inspector Mackenzie said that on December 18 a former received, unexpectedly, six visitors at his cottage. They wanted to borrow money. They left a letter addressed to the uncle of the former.

The letter and incident was reported to the police and a trap was set which resulted in one robber being shot. He died later in hospital. The others escaped.

By intensified police investigations around the Sheung-shui district in the New Territories, defendant was arrested and the police are seeking to prove that he was a member of the gang.

The proceedings are continuing on February 28.

## Ladies' Day Features Music, Mirth

Music and mirth highlighted Hong Kong Rotary Club's first ladies day of 1940, held at the Hong Kong Hotel Garden yesterday. About 150 Rotarians and their ladies were present.

The entertainment programme was provided by Mr. M. Silas, veteran entertainer of Hong Kong and Shanghai, who in addition to repeating a rare performance on the piano he gave at a Rotary meeting last year, threw the audience into repeated rounds of laughter with his clever imitations of pidgin English.

Mr. Silas was thanked by Rotarian G. E. Marden who informed fellow Rotarians that Mr. Silas had kindly consented to provide the entertainment programme at Rotary's forthcoming ball.

President D. S. Hill announced that the Club had received a donation of HK\$2,000 from the Bank of East Asia Ltd., towards the Club's community service fund.

Dr. C. T. Wang, Mr. J. Muckle and Mr. Horace Kadoorie from Shanghai and Mr. N. T. Liu from Peking, were the visiting Rotarians at yesterday's luncheon.

The Second and Third Readings of the Hotels Ordinance, 1940, will be moved at today's Legislative Council meeting by the Attorney General.

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"CANTHAGE"	8th July	8th August
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"SOMALI"	due 23rd Feb.	from London & Continent via Straits.
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"TITJALENGKA"	In port	to Javaport & Macassar		
"TIBADAK"	from Macassar	to Shanghai	3rd March	
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Ship	From	To	Arrival	Departure
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	from South Africa	to South Africa	5th March	
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"RIJNREK"	In port	to S'pore	23rd Feb.	23rd Feb.
"MELISKER"	from Europe	to S'pore	4th March	

Ship	From	To	Arrival	Departure
"MARIEKER"	from Europe	to S'pore	Early April	
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## Textile Survey Mission To Japan

New York, February 22.

A proposal to send a joint Anglo-American textile survey mission to Japan has been approved by three U.S. cotton industry associations.

William C. Planz, chairman of the Textile Industry Committee on Foreign Trade, said yesterday two remaining committee members would soon present the proposal to their respective Boards of Directors.

The committee, formed several weeks ago, consists of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, Cotton Textile Institute, Incorporated Association of Cotton Merchants of New York, the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers and the Textile Import Association of the United States.

Mr. Planz declined to identify the three organizations already on record as favoring the mission to Japan.

### Different Policy

One Department official said the policy is not parallel to that applicable to Russia and her satellites because applications currently held up will be granted if they are approved after official scrutiny, and existing regulations permit unlicensed shipment to China of many important types of goods.

For example, this official said, no license is now required to ship a heavy electrical generator or locomotive to China, because neither is listed as in short supply.

On the other hand, licenses would be required to ship these items to any European country. Thus, under a year old policy, applications to ship such "war potential" goods to the Soviet bloc would be refused.

The requirement of approval to ship virtually any goods to Europe is based on U.S. foreign policy. It is designed to channel goods to the Marshall Plan countries and keep restraints on shipments to the Soviet area.

The Commerce Department administers controls over exports to all areas. Another official said some consideration has been given to extending the European type controls to all China shipments. No development along that line is imminent now, he indicated.

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Hong Kong, Feb. 18, 1949.

Mr. Freed said that the new policy, never announced publicly, was put into effect suddenly about two weeks ago without notice to exporters. No licenses have been formally approved since then, he said.—Associated Press.

Gold continued its drop after opening yesterday but recovered before the market closed.

Opening at HK\$25.50 a tael, it was down to HK\$24.50 before the lunch interval, but in the afternoon it firmed up and closed at HK\$25.12 1/2.

US dollars opened at HK\$5.10 and closed at HK\$5.12 1/2. Gold Yuan rates were maintained. It was quoted at 285 and 275 of a cent for Hong Kong delivery; at 247 1/2 and 245 of a cent for Canton remittances; and at 24 1/2 of a cent for Shanghai remittances.

Pastures, continuing on the ascent, rose to HK\$9.13 1/2, a 100 after opening at HK\$9.07 1/2, closing slightly weaker at HK\$9.10.

Tickets were unchanged at HK\$24.40 a 100. NEL's Guilders opened at HK\$31.40 a 100 and closed at 10 cents lower.

Shilling was unchanged at HK\$1.20, and so were Australian pounds at HK\$12.58.

### GREEK SUPPORT FOR UNION

London, February 21. Dr. Constantinos Tsaldaris, Greek Foreign Minister, is expected to support the idea of a Mediterranean Union linked with the Atlantic Union at his meeting in London today with Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary.

Dr. Tsaldaris is lunching with Mr. Bevin at the Foreign Office after spending the morning in talks at the Greek Embassy with his Ambassador.—Reuter.

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## London Stock Market

Cable and Wireless stocks were strong in the London Stock Exchange today. Speculative buying was responsible for the gain of several points in ordinary stocks. Compensation news is expected at the beginning of next month.

The Stock Exchange as a whole was devoid of character and prices remained steady with occasional irregularities. Government securities experienced a small amount of routine business and were practically unchanged.

The industrial section was patchy with small losses in breweries, colliery shares and electrical equipments, but tobacco, iron and steel were dull on anticipation of a further fall in the price of wheat.

Changes in oil were few and the section was thus without a definite trend.

Slight dullness was seen in foreign utilities, with Anglo-Argentine railway issues the quiet sufferers.

South African gold shares were quiet but irregular. Small support developed for 12 dividend payers but Free State issues were slightly lower.—Reuter.

### Notice To Consignees

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From U.S.A. via Ports.

S.S. "Flying Clipper" which sailed from New York on October 27, 1948, whilst in port at Kobe, Japan, had a fire in her No. 5 hatch, as a consequence of which a General Average has been declared.

A security for General Average contributions is to be furnished by consignees who are required to sign an Average Bond and to make a deposit in United States Dollars equivalent to 5 percent of the C.I.F. value of the goods.

The vessel will discharge her cargo into lighters for final storage in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. and Messrs. Anderson & Ashe have been appointed to act as Surveyors in the interest of all concerned.

Consignees are requested to furnish Valuation Statements in triplicate and, subsequent to paying the required deposit and signing an Average Bond, will be issued with a Delivery Order. Consignees of damaged cargo are advised in their own interest not to take delivery of their cargo before same is surveyed.

Deposits will be required in Cash in United States Dollars or by Demand Draft made out to the order of Messrs. A. P. Pattison & Company.

Date of survey of damaged cargo will be announced later.

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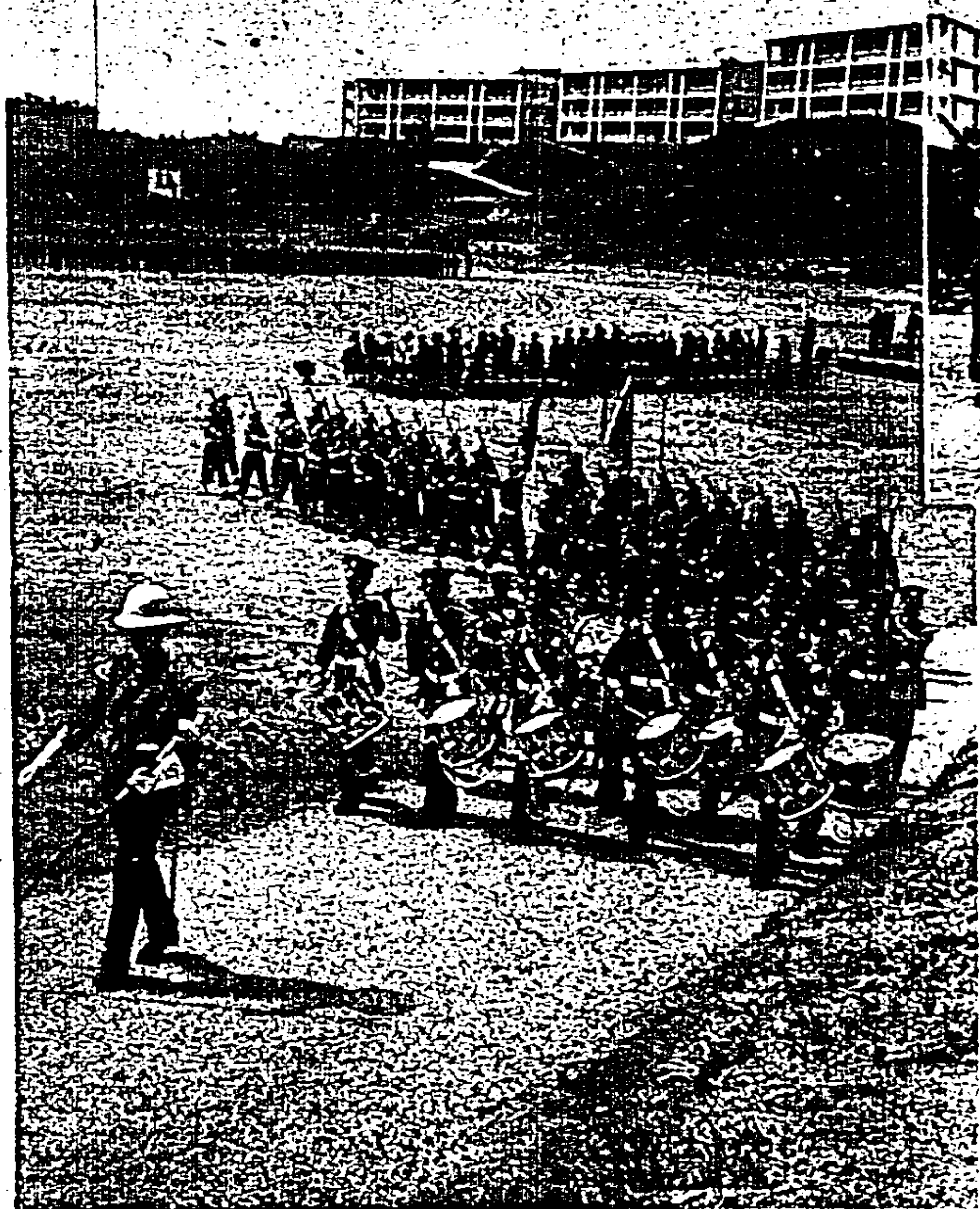
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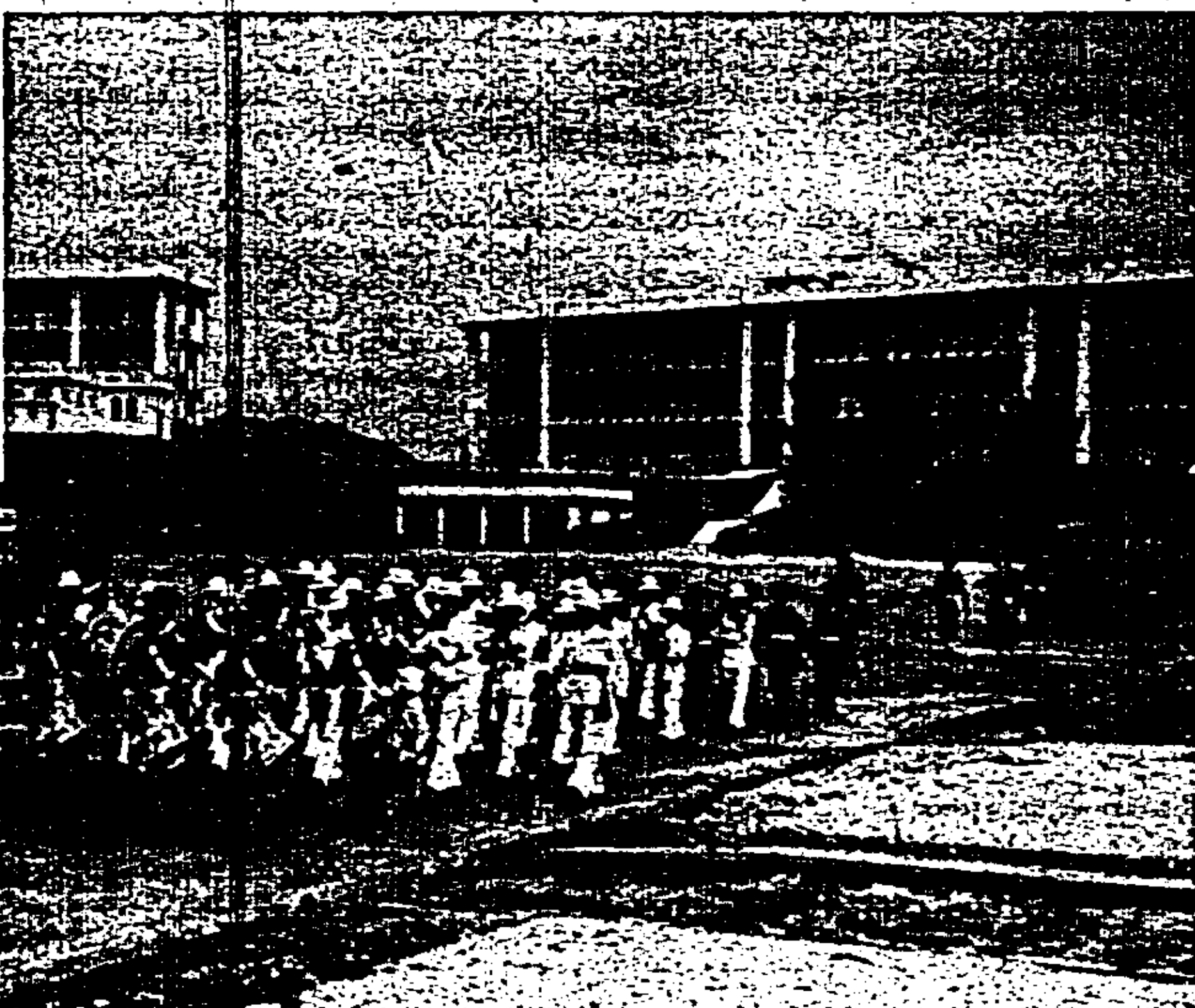


# CHINA MAIL *Supplement*



The General Officer Commanding, Major General Matthews, inspecting the 1st Battalion of the Buffs at Stanley Fort. ("China Mail" photo)

The Colours of the 1st Battalion of The Buffs were trooped before the General Officer Commanding, Major General F. R. G. Matthews, at Stanley Fort on Monday. The occasion marked the merging into one of the two Battalions of the Regiment. ("China Mail" photo)

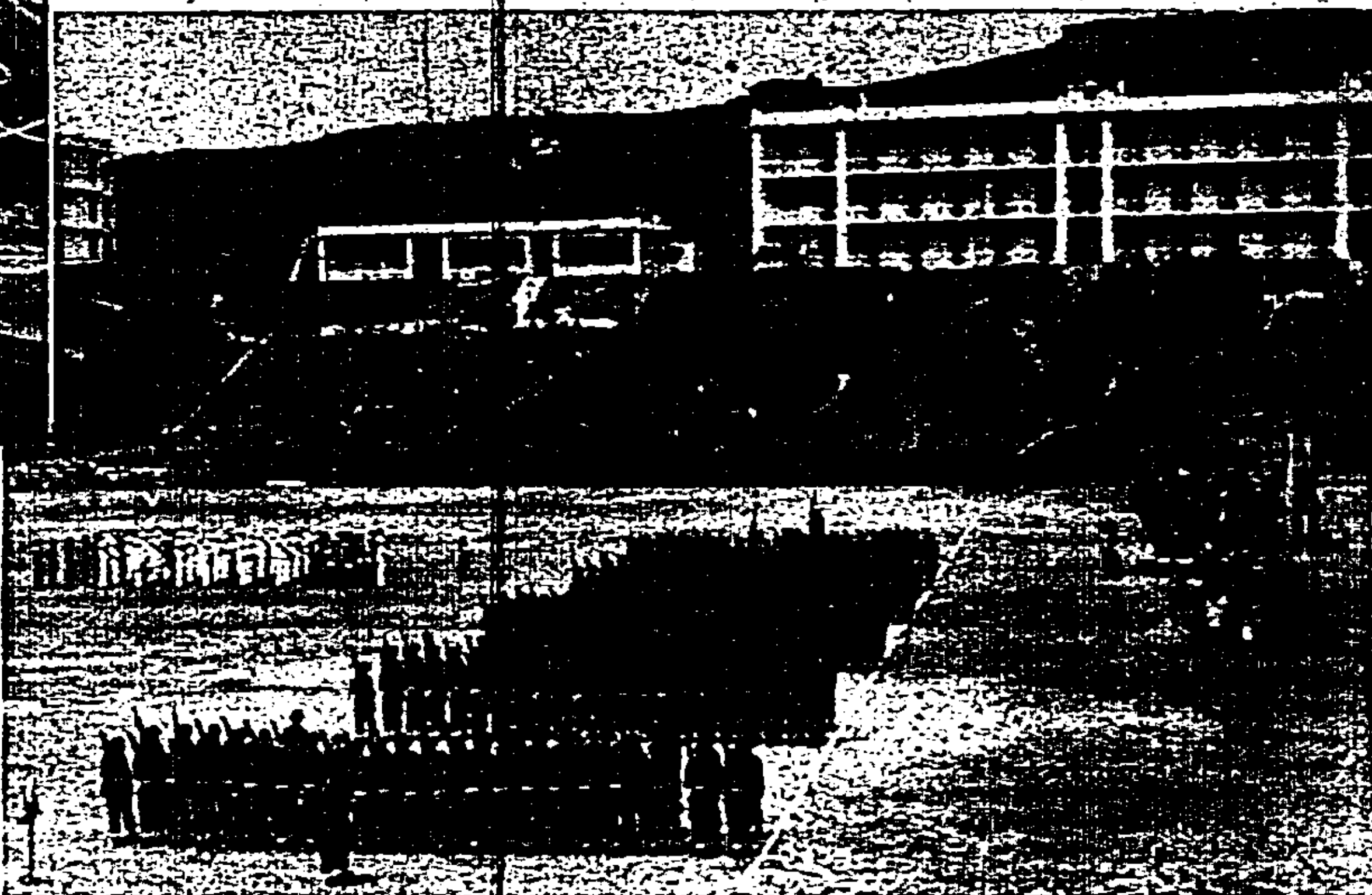


The band of The Buffs lead five columns of the Regiment's soldiers at the Trooping of the Colours at Stanley Fort. ("China Mail" photo)

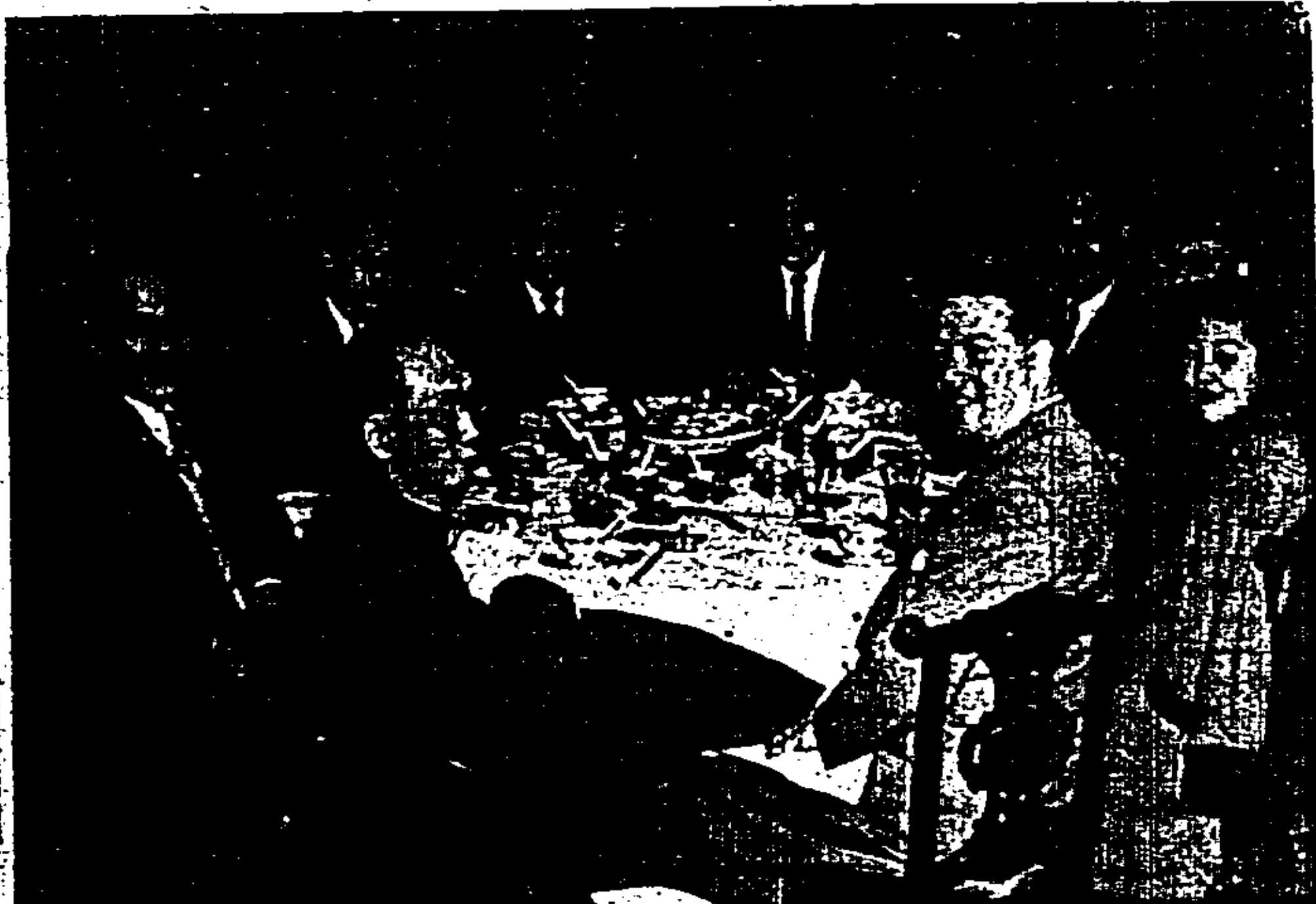


Major General Matthews, GOC, is shown on the saluting base at Stanley Fort, at the Trooping of the Colours of The Buffs. ("China Mail" photo)

Troops of the 1st Battalion, The Buffs, are shown about to pass the saluting post at Stanley Fort last week. Major General Matthews, GOC took the salute. ("China Mail" photo)







A party at the Yick Yuen Shipping Company dinner, held at the Kam Ling Restaurant. Attending the dinner were the Consul-Generals of Panama and Brazil. ("China Mail" photo)



Pupils of St. Mary School smile after winning the Convent Invitation Relay at the St. Joseph's Athletic Meeting at Caroline Hill last week. ("China Mail" photo)



The Wah Yan College Old Boys at their Luncheon at the Catholic Centre. ("China Mail" photo)



The Gunners "A" soccer team, winners of their game with RASC "B". The gunners are now leading the Army Football League by nine points. ("China Mail" photo)

Victorious runner XV, which defeated England by 12 points in the final game of the International Series at Sookumpoo. ("China Mail" photo)



England's rugby team, which went down to a heavy defeat at the hands of Scotland in the final game of the International Series played at Sookumpoo. ("China Mail" photo)







The Reverend B. C. John, Headmaster of St. Joseph's College, dresses pupils before prize distribution at Caroline Hill last. ("China Mail" photo)

A happy four-some of these lads, members of Class Four A, who won the Junior Medley at the St. Joseph's College Athletic Meeting at Caroline Hill last. ("China Mail" photo)

They're off: Contestants in the Senior metre Bicycle Race at the St. Joseph's College Athletic Meeting at Caroline Hill are at the starting line. ("China Mail" photo)



Applicants for the Hong Kong Defence Force are shown lining up for registration forms at the Kowloon Cricket Club. The response to the appeal for applicants exceeded all expectations on the first day. ("China Mail" photo)

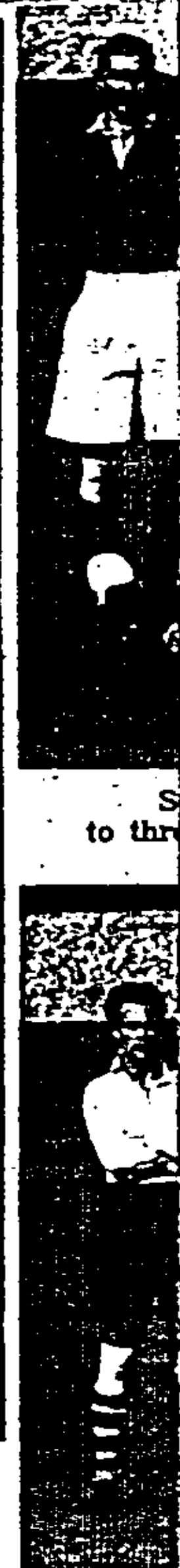
At the HKDF Headquarters, applicants for the HKDF are seen filling out registration forms. ("China Mail" photo)

Prospective members of Force file past recruiting officers to obtain their registration forms. ("China Mail" photo)



Billows of smoke rise from a fire-cracker shop in Staunton Street. Fire fighters put out the flames after half an hour. ("China Mail" photo)

A shop full of fire-crackers, joss sticks and joss paper burst into flames in Staunton Street last week. Picture shows firemen desperately trying to put out the flames. ("China Mail" photo)



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Members and friends at the Elliot Hall (Hong Kong University) dance party pose for a group picture. The dance was held at the Eu Tong Sen Gymnasium on February 12. ("China Mail" photo)



Young John Woodward is shown cutting his birthday cake at his home, while his many friends who came to wish him are dividing their attention between the cake and the camera. (Mee Cheong photo)

A welcome party was given by the staff of the Commercial Press, Ltd., last week. Picture shows the Shanghai directors of the company. ("Sun Ying Ming" Studio)

Group photo taken at the Kam Ling Restaurant of the staff of E. Ott and Company at their annual dinner for their clients. ("China Mail" photo)



More than 500 persons attended the annual dinner party given by E. Ott and Company last week. The party was held for clients of the company. ("China Mail" photo)

A table at the annual dinner party given by E. Ott and Company at the Kam Ling Restaurant last week. ("China Mail" photo)





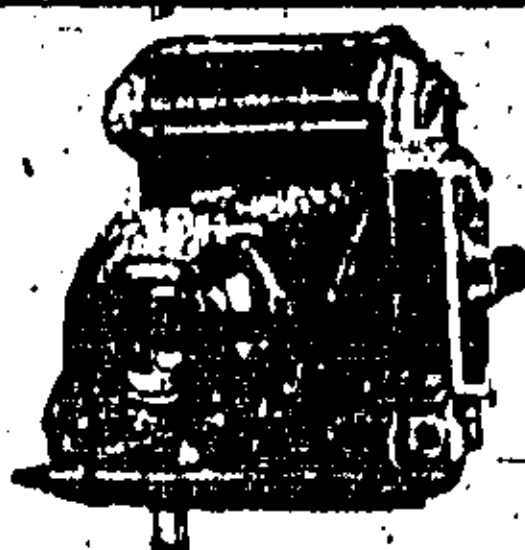




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## MALAYA LEADS U.S. IN BADMINTON CONTEST

London, February 21.

After one of the most thrilling badminton contests of all time Malaya was leading the United States by three matches to one at the end of the first day's play in the inter-zone final of the Thomas Cup.

Every point was bitterly fought for and the 3,000 badminton fans present had never seen anything equal the play displayed by these shuttle experts tonight.

The highlight of the evening's play was the singles contest between Dr. Dave Freeman, of California, the United States champion, and Ooi Teik Hock, the dark-haired Penang player, champion of Malaya.

The American won by 15-10, 10-15, 15-4 after a terrific duel. Freeman owed his success to his tremendously powerful smashes, which completely nonplussed the little Malayan at critical moments.

Ooi, however, the distinction of becoming the first player ever in 10 years to take a game off the American champion.

Freeman of Scottish ancestry, proved to be the superb artist which Americans had always claimed him to be.

Another Californian, dark-haired Martin Mendez, very nearly brought off a surprise and was only beaten by the Singapore player, Wong Peng Beck by 15-11, 11-15, 15-10. It was only an amazing recovery by the Malayan, who was 5-0 down in the final set, that decided the issue.

As generally anticipated, the Malayan doubles pairs proved too good for the Americans, due to their superior team work, although a brilliant spell by the Americans, Freeman and Rogers gave a game to the Americans in the doubles contest of the evening.

—Reuter.

**HKFA MEETING ON FRIDAY**

A meeting of the Emergency Sub-Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held at the Association's Office on Friday, February 22, at 5.15 p.m. for the purpose of enquiring into the conduct of the following players:

1. Yan Tui-chung of Kit Chee, who was sent off the field of play.
2. Kwok Ying-wai and Cheung Chi Ping of Kit Chee, who were cautioned.
3. Lau Sheung of Tramways, who was sent off the field of play.

London, February 21.  
Results of Rugby Union games played today were: Rotherham 3 Beehive Rangers 6.—Reuter.

## Marathon In HK Tennis Tourney

Five more games of the Colony Lawn Tennis Singles Championship were decided yesterday.

The match between J. S. Belne and J. A. C. Haribhatt turned out to be the marathon of the evening, ending with a set to each. Although the play never reached a very high level, it was enjoyable while it lasted. Gamesness on both sides produced some long rallies and fine retrievals.

This game will be continued. Roch Leung, the Kowloon Tennis Club Champion, and the only seeded player in action, yesterday had an easy evening, eliminating A. Furrer by 6-0 and 6-1.

So also did Molan Chin and Choy Tin Wah who won their games comfortably by 6-0, 6-1 and 6-1, 6-2 respectively.

Frank Kwok, handicapped by his age, found his opponent a little too fast for him and his weakness on the backhand caused his undoing.

In the only game that went to three complete sets Peter M.F. U. after winning the first set handily, by 6-2, found that D. Nolan was not in the least worried at this reverse.

Returning every possible shot in the second set, and kept U. so much on the run that he was completely spent by the time the final set was reached.

Full Scores:  
J.S. Belne v J.A.C. Haribhatt, 5-7, 6-4 (unfinished).  
J.B. Hawthorn beat F.H. Kwok, 6-4, 6-2.

Roch Leung beat A. Furrer, 6-0, 6-1.  
Molan Chin beat P.V. Shawe, 6-0, 6-1.  
D. Nolan beat Peter M.F. U., 2-0, 6-4, 6-2.

Choy Tin Wah beat J.S. Lee, 6-1, 6-2.  
Court 1: E.M. Hayhurst v T.E. Baker.  
Court 2: Wong Siu-ki v H.K. Hamilton.  
Court 3: Au Kam-moon v R. Segalen.  
Court 4: G.A. Lemay v P. Poon.  
Court 5: Norman Lo v K.H. Ip.  
Court 6: Lee Yue-wing v G.H. Wigglesworth.

**CEYLON LOSE TO WEST INDIES**

Colombo, February 21.  
The West Indies beat Ceylon by an innings and 22 runs in the first test cricket match, ended today at the Colombo Oval.

The Scores were:  
West Indies 1st Innings, 482 for 7 wickets declared, Carey, 77; Rae, 116; Walcott, not out, 225; Weekes, not out, 33.  
Ceylon, not out, 122 in their first Innings and 318 in their second Innings.

The second and last test match begins next Saturday.—Associated Press.

**SCOTTISH CUP DRAW**

London, February 21.  
The draw for the Scottish Cup fourth round, to be played on March 5, was announced today as follows:

Stenhousemuir v Clyde  
Hibernian v East Fife  
Rangers v Partick Thistle  
Hearts v Dundee.

Extra time will be played if necessary. No dates were announced for possible replays.—Reuter.

**Today's Games**

St. John's "A" vs. Kowloon Tong  
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**RUGBY DRAW**

London, February 21.  
The draw for the second round of the Rugby League Cup was made in Leeds today as follows:

Warrington v Wakefield  
Trinity Belle Vue v Swinton  
Warrington v Swinton  
York v Oldham  
Leeds v Huddersfield  
Warrington v Bradford  
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Matches are to be played on March 2 and 3.

## Hockey Fixtures

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Club de Recoelo v Navy; P.K. Park, 10.30 a.m.; Umpires: K.F. Xavier and J.S. Grewal.  
RAF v Khalsa; Kai Tak, 10.30 a.m.; Umpires: C.J. Merritt and J.B.P.O. Shaw.

Cable & Wireless v Army (match postponed).  
HK Police v University; Boundary Street (Kowloon), 10 a.m.; Umpires: S.B.P.O. Yomans and J.H. Blinks.

Civil Service v Dockyard; R.C. King's Park (RNRC 2), 10 a.m.; Umpires: Mahan Singh and E.R.A. Miller.  
Dutch HC v YMCA; Sookinpo, 10 a.m.; Umpires: Capt. Chisnell and G.L. Palmer.

Army v Marine (at Muen).  
All umpires are requested to confirm by phone (30381 Ex. 117) before 5 p.m. on Friday. Secretaries are requested to ensure prompt attendance of their teams. A maximum of ten minutes delay will be allowed. Will umpires please notify results as soon as possible after the match.

**LEAGUE TABLE**

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Club de Recoelo	12	1	1	4	4	25	3
Navy	10	2	3	5	14	22	7
RAF	10	2	3	5	14	22	7
Khalsa	10	2	3	5	14	22	7
HK Police	10	2	3	5	14	22	7
Dutch HC	10	2	3	5	14	22	7
Civil Service	10	2	3	5	14	22	7
University	10	2	3	5	14	22	7
Marine	10	2	3	5	14	22	7
YMCA	10	2	3	5	14	22	7

**SPECIAL MILE RUN**

New York, February 21.  
Four European runners and three United States stars will run in the special Louis Zamperini Invitational mile at the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association indoor track meet on Saturday night at Madison Square Garden.

Swedish Ingvar Bengtsson and Englishman, Holland's Willy Stykhuysen and France's Marcel Hansenne will run with Fred Wit, John Twomey and Curtis Stonor, Belgium's Gaston Reliff plans to fly home on Thursday after going to Lake Placid to visit Jacques Mouvet, Belgian bobsledder, who is in hospital there.

Stykhuysen is training for a few days at Pennsylvania State College with Curtis and Twomey. Hansenne said he was willing to forgive and forget the fouling by Phil Thigpen, Seton Hall College negro, whose elbowing and blocking tactics broke up Hansenne's stride last Saturday night and helped Cornell University's Bob Mesley to win an unexpected victory in the 1,000 yards.

Meanwhile, the Amateur Athletic Union announced that 60 athletes will be chosen to go to Europe in July to compete in various cities by invitation.—United Press.

**Managerial Side More Attractive**

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## LOCAL YACHTSMAN LEAVING FOR ENGLAND

(By "RUBBINGSTRAKE")

The Club this week bids a temporary good bye to its Rear-Commander, Mr. F. S. Cootie, who is leaving for England on leave.

We were all pleased to see him steer Ecstasy to a final victory in the Dragon class on Saturday, with Capt. Krogh-Moe second and Messrs. Chidell and Drummond fighting hard for the third place; the former gained the decision by a margin of only two seconds.

## RAF Band's Performance Well Received

Apart from one or two ragged patches, a large audience was treated to some excellent playing on the part of the No. 1 RAF Regional Band under the directorship of Warrant Officer H. E. Wheeler, at the China Fleet Club on Monday night.

The programme was a popular one, obviously designed to please all tastes, and included such works as Lullaby, "Elegiac Ballet" and Fletcher's "Spirit of Pageantry," a specially good rendering of Strauss' "Voices of Spring" and "Perpetuum Mobile."

The Overture to the "Marriage of Figaro" was not a happy choice, for Mozart without strings is incongruous as a ballroom music, but "Echoes from Operas," comedy "Annie Get your Gun" were much appreciated.

The concert ended on an appropriate note—the RAF March, surely one of the most stirring marches of the present time.

The first soloist was Corporal Arthur Jones, cornet player, a young article of no mean ability. The "clear-out" interpretation of Rossini's "Una Voce Poco Fa" deserved his encore, and his vibrant rendering of Purcell's "Voluntary" was universally enjoyed.

The other soloist was the conductor himself, who is a pianist of sound technique with a fluent style. In spite of a poor instrument, he managed to impart some finely-shaded nuances to his interpretation of the Scherzo in F Minor, and it was a pleasure to hear Chidell played with a delicacy and integrity that is all too rare these days. We should like to hear more of Mr. Wheeler's playing on an instrument more worthy of his talent.

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## Jockey Clubs 'Law Breaking'

Government has just discovered that the Hong Kong Jockey Club has been breaking the law for many years.

To insert notices in newspapers regarding cash sweeps organised by the Club is a breach of the Betting Duty Ordinance, 1931, it was officially stated.

To remedy the situation, the Ordinance concerned is to be amended to enable the Jockey Club to continue the practice of inserting cash sweep notices in the Press.

The amendment will have the effect of making it the Legislative Council meeting today.

## Cross-Country Race For Fleet Units

The first post-war Fleet cross-country race will take place starting and finishing inside the race course at Happy Valley.

Five units of the Fleet will compete in the race, the first 20 men home from each scoring points for the Fleet trophy.

Points will also be scored for a small ship's trophy, the first 10 men home from each competing Small Ship being counted. In all, it is expected that nearly 150 runners will start.

Although the distance to be run is slightly less than four miles, the first tradition of making a cross-country race something more than a "distance race" has been borne in mind in choosing the route for the course.

On leaving the race course the runners are soon faced with stiff up-hill work and rough going. Throughout the majority of the race, the ground is well varied and far from being a straight run.

The race is due to start at 3 p.m. and it is expected that the first man home should clock a little over 25 minutes.

Marine Newman, winner of the seven-mile road race, held at Kowloon on New Year's Day, will not be taking part, having returned to the United Kingdom.

## SCHOOL SPORTS

The Annual Athletic Sports of the King George V School will be held on the School Ground on Saturday, March 5, starting at 2 p.m.

Parents, former pupils and friends are cordially invited to be present.

There will be an Old Girls' Race and two Old Boys' Races (100 yards and 880 yards), at approximately 5.00 p.m.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Second Race Meeting, Saturday, 26th February, 1949.

There are nine races, the first half will be run at 1.30 p.m. The first race will be run at 2.00 p.m. and the last at 6.00 p.m.

**MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE**

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at 810 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be at sale at the RACER COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller's Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

**PUBLIC ENCLOSURE**

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

**SERVANTS' PASSES**

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discretion and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are requested to be vigilant in the Members' Enclosure and to ensure that no one enters through the gates and must remain in their employer's stands.

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